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'Only the best good enough to win League Cup' -FRANK STAPLETON

WITH Nottingham Forest, Liverpool and Arsenal all safely through to the Fourth Round of the Football League Cup it's beginning to look as if the big guns are going to shoot it out right to the death.

At one time it was almost predictable that a Rochdale, a Rotherham or a Swindon would reach the Final, but since a European place became the bait that trend has changed.

Forest and Southampton last year, Forest and Liverpool before that, Everton and Villa three years ago have ensured that the Wembley stage has belonged exclusively to the First Division and the 1980 Final looks like furthering the trend.

One man who certainly believes

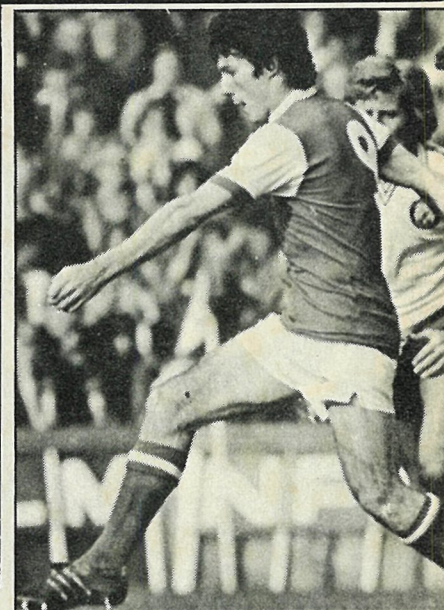
it will be so is Arsenal striker Frank Stapleton who scored the first goal in his side's 2-1 victory over Southampton in the last round, and who was on target in both matches against Leeds who were surprisingly annihilated 8-1 on aggregate.

"Nowadays you have to expect Liverpool, Forest or ourselves to reach the Finals of the major competitions.

"We've been in two successive F.A. Cup Finals, Forest have won

the League Cup two years running, and Liverpool are always the team to beat. It's going to be no different this year and barring a major clanger by one of us, or the bad luck to be drawn together I'm sure it will be a Wembley Final involving two of those three clubs.

"Everybody wants to win the League Cup these days. I know it wasn't always like that but there's so much at stake nowadays that it's bound to end up with the best clubs competing all the way."



Worthy's fan

GARY Lineker, an 18-year-old striker with Leicester, is hoping he can be as successful as a former Filbert Street goalgetter Frank Worthington, now with Bolton.

Leicester-born Gary says: "I used to love watching Frank in all his games at Leicester. He was my favourite."

Lineker, former Leicester schoolboys and Midland Youth player, first joined Leicester in July, 1977, and turned professional last November. In fact, he got in seven League appearances before the season ended.

QUITE a few eyebrows were raised last December when Everton paid non-League Worcester City £30,000 for 25-year-old full-back John Barton. But that is looking small beer against some of the fees being paid these days.

And Birmingham-born Barton has proved his worth in the hard Southern League school playing for Stourbridge as well as Worcester. The star of Worcester's First Round F.A. Cup victory last season, he also did well when making his First Division debut last April.

WILL England team manager Ron Greenwood eventually collect a decoration in a Royal Honours List? All the four others who have done the job since the War have done so. They were: Walter Winterbottom and Alf Ramsey (both knighted) and Don Revie and Joe Mercer (both awarded the OBE).

NEWS

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DESK

SELKIRK Football Club, who play in the East of Scotland League, are planning to celebrate their centenary next year with games at Etrick Park against Hearts, Hibs, Celtic, Cowdenbeath, Newcastle and Carlisle.

KEITH Osgood made only 24 first team appearances for Coventry City in nearly two years after his move from Spurs but now he is hoping for a change of fortune at Derby County.

He said: "I've no idea why things did not work out for me at Coventry. Perhaps I was a little too eager to please and agreed to play in an assortment of positions.

"This occurred because of injuries to other players but I feel my best position is playing in the back four as I did with Spurs."

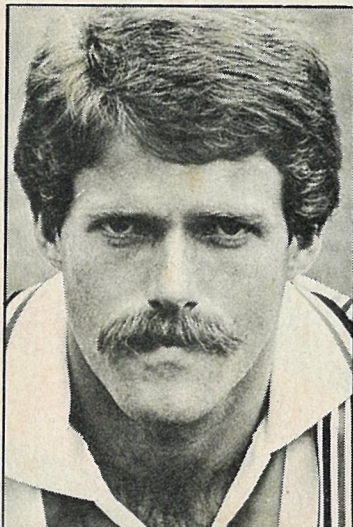
THE new edition of "Encyclopedia of British Football" is certainly one of the best and most authoritative illustrated soccer reference books ever produced.

Compiled by Phil Soar, and ITV commentator Martin Tyler, the book contains facts, figures, photos, many in colour, and traces the history of football from the 1880's to today.

Published by Marshall Cavendish, the book is priced £5.95 hardback, £2.99 paperback.

FACTastic

ARSENAL (then known as Woolwich Arsenal) finished at the foot of Division One in the 1912-13 season with only 29 goals to their credit. Their leading scorer was C. E. Randall with FOUR goals! That record still stands today, although it was equalled in 1978 by Leicester City with Geoff Salmons and Roger Davies sharing the leading scoring position each with four goals. They, too, finished at the foot of the First Division. Arsenal won only three of their 38 League games in that disastrous season of 1912-13, but Leicester managed five victories in their 42 games.



More T.V. soccer

THE Football Association have agreed new contracts with the television companies that will bring in an increase of about 250 per cent in fees and a guarantee of televised Cup-ties and international matches over the next four years.

The contracts are back-dated to start from the beginning of the 1979-80 season, and each channel will in future be able to show 16 mid-week matches instead of 14 as in the past.

F.A. secretary Ted Croker said he was delighted with the deal.

PORT Vale manager Dennis Butler can't help chuckling when he sees striker Terry Owen (right) performing.

Just before the start of the season he was prepared to splash out for the Rochdale striker who had been their leading scorer for the past two seasons.

"I had admired Terry for some time," said Butler. "I was thinking of buying him and couldn't move too fast when I realised he was there for the taking."



Good blend

WHILE Arnold Mühren and Frans Thijssen continue to get rave reviews for their performances for Ipswich Town, down in Division Three a third Dutch star is slowly but surely making a name for himself.

He is Len de Goeij of Sheffield United (left) and is yet another of Harry Haslam's shrewd overseas signings. In 1978, The Blades' manager brought Alex Sabella from Argentina; the River Plate star was then unknown. Now, he is in the £600,000 class.

The big de Goeij was also unknown when Haslam paid Sparta Rotterdam around £100,000 this summer. Len has quickly become a firm favourite at Bramall Lane and looks like being a similar bargain.

Haslam says: "Len has settled in very well. In fact, he is already one of the most popular players at the club. The more I watch him, the more I appreciate him.

"There have been no problems blending the British, Dutch and Argentinian style. They're all different... but the end product is good."

Jock's waiting for the call from Celtic

JOCK McDonald, who plays guitar in Johnny Rotten's new band FOUR BY TWO (for one record only) is a football fanatic, reads SHOOT avidly and runs a team which turns out for charity functions and testimonials.

Jock's team, which includes ex-Sex Pistol Johnny Rotten, all the boys in the Thin Lizzie group, pop singer Bob Marley and star of "The Stud" Oliver Tobias, have played against some pretty formidable opposition, including Tottenham for Steve Perryman's testimonial.

Recently, Jock was in action against a Show Biz XI at Berkhamstead and

helped to raise £2,000 to provide local children with football equipment.

Jock's main ambition as a soccer star is to "get the call from Celtic manager Billy McNeill and be asked to take the team to Parkhead for a testimonial for one of the lads."

"I'm Celtic crazy and would give anything to play on the sacred Parkhead turf — and to help one of my heroes."

Billy McNeill, and the Celtic team please take note.

● Record Note: Jock can be heard with Johnny Rotten and his brother Jimmy on Island Record's new disc — "One of the lads".

O'Connor for Goodison?

FOLLOWING their pre-season capture of brilliant Larne youngster Brian Quinn, Everton may soon re-enter the cross-sea transfer market, with teenage Cliftonville midfielder John O'Connor being their number one target.

A skilful and stylish starlet, talented O'Connor, an Irish F.A. Cup-winning medallist with The Reds last term, once had a brief spell with Queens Park Rangers, but now it looks as if seemingly stardom-bound John is set for a more permanent Football League move this time.

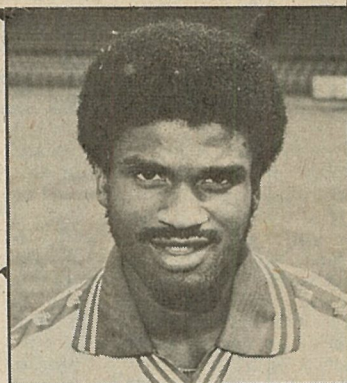
Newry on song

IRISH "B" Division outfit Newry Town, one of Northern Ireland's most progressive clubs, did their prospects of a not-too-distant return to senior football a world of good by winning all seven opening League games this term.

Mind you, Newry, conquerors of U.E.F.A. Cup entrants Glenavon and beaten Irish Cup Finalists Portadown en route to their 1978-79 Mid-Ulster Cup success, have a fair sprinkling of players with top-grade experience in their ranks, including goalkeeper Bobby Carlisle (ex-Glenavon, Portadown and Linfield), defender Sammy Lunn (ex-Portadown and Glentoran), and forwards Raymond Paul (ex-Glenavon), Gary Erwin (ex-Ballymena) and Danny Doran, formerly with Waterford.

JOHN Bond, the Norwich boss and one of the most outspoken critics of spiralling transfer fees, could have another winner in £5,000 winger Alan Cordice (right).

West Indian-born Cordice, signed from Isthmian League club Maidenhead last March after service with Marlow and Chesham, has been giving some impressive displays and hopes soon to be showing his striking ability in the top sphere.



HAVE A HEART

TWENTY-FIVE members of the playing staff of Hearts, current Scottish First Division League leaders, have been made available for transfer following a mass transfer request over a row involving the bonus to be paid if the club win promotion to the Premier Division.

The decision by the chairman and directors has rocked Scottish football and it now remains to be seen which players will go if suitable bids are made. Almost 90 per cent of the full-time and part-time staff are involved in the dispute.

Page looks ahead

WELSH international Malcolm Page is now out of hospital following an operation on his back but it will be at least another two months before he can resume playing.

Page, who has been with Birmingham for 17 years, freely admits that it is now almost certain he will finish his playing career there.

He is beginning to consider his future and is already taking part in some trainee management work.

FORMER Middlesbrough forward John Hickton, who broke a leg on his American debut with Fort Lauderdale Strikers last year, has decided against a comeback with Hartlepool. Big John, who made over 450 appearances with Middlesbrough, is to concentrate on his newsagent/off-licence business.

Dipped lights

MANSFIELD Town have kicked off with the latest technology on their new five-a-side pitches and scored a first.

For their two pitches are the first in the world to be illuminated by lighting masts that bow to the ground from a base hinge for easy maintenance.

And that means that local footballing enthusiasts, using the pitches through a government 'Football in the Community' scheme, are never left in the dark.

Youth Team Manager and Chief Scout John Basford commented: "If anything goes wrong with the light we can get it down to the ground and put it right at once. It is vital to have lights working properly as most of the five-a-side playing is done on dark winter evenings. The best pitch in the world would be useless unless it was lit."

The two pitches, which cost a total of £36,000 and are lit by eight lighting masts, are already a popular playing venue with local youngsters.

Anderlecht aids Clapton

A Cinderella English soccer club is being given a helping hand by a giant of the football world, Anderlecht.

Gueuze Belle-Vue, a Belgian brewery which sponsors Anderlecht, is now also to sponsor Isthmian League club Clapton FC.

Anderlecht's chairman is Mr. Constant Vandenstock. He is also chairman of the Belle-Vue brewery.

In future all Clapton senior teams will play with a strip printed with the name Belle-Vue on it. This is believed to be the first time a brewery has been allowed to advertise in this way.

Clapton, winners of the F.A. Amateur Cup on several occasions and the first England side to play on the Continent, were established more than a century ago.

The once proud club went into a decline in recent years because of money problems but now thanks to help from the local council, Newham, and from sponsorship it is hoped to put Clapton back on the soccer map once again.



BACK on the road to recovery is Sheffield Wednesday's £65,000 centre half from Southampton Mick Pickering. After a three-week lay off with knee-ligament trouble, Mick is back at Hillsborough receiving daily treatment, and he plans to have a game in the reserve team in about a month.

Eire reach a record

PREVIEW Republic of Ireland v United States. October 29th, Dalymount Park, Dublin.

WE have all heard much about soccer in the States — with so many players joining American clubs for the summer season. Now the U.S. are coming to Europe and Eire provide the opposition on Monday (Oct 29) at Dalymount Park, Dublin.

With an eye on the 1982 World Cup Finals, the States have undertaken a nine game, eight nation tour, which started in Bermuda earlier this month and which included a game in Spain against Castellon.

National coach Walt Chyzowych has selected players he hopes will form the nucleus of the squad that will represent the United States in the North American zone qualifying games next year.

This will be the Republic's seventh international this year and with the game against Northern Ireland yet to come, it means that Eire will equal their 30-year-old record playing eight internationals in the one year. It will be the first at Dalymount Park since April, 1977, when Poland drew 0-0 with Eire.

By the time they reach Dublin, the Americans should be in good shape if they are not exhausted and should prove a big attraction for the Irish fans.

However, Eire manager Johnny Giles should know what to expect from the opposition because he played for Philadelphia Fury in the N.A.S.L. during the summer 1978.

● Action (right) from the Republic's game v. West Germany in May which they lost 3-1.



BRISTOL CITY TO HALT FOREST'S HAT-TRICK BID?

IT must be a great many years since the Fourth Round of the Football League Cup presented such an appetising teaser.

If you had the chance and the choice would you go to The Hawthorns to see form team of the season's opening weeks Norwich City attempting to topple last year's pacemakers West Bromwich Albion, or would you plump for that mighty Southern based confrontation between improving Brighton and the always alluring Arsenal?

And how about holders Nottingham Forest away to the pride of the West Country Bristol City?

Then there's Grimsby Town, fresh from a crushing 3-1 triumph over Notts County ready to take on First Division opposition in Everton.

PREVIEW FOURTH ROUND LEAGUE CUP

Sunderland against West Ham United is bound to be a cracker, and what a pay day for Exeter City, even if they can't expect much change on the field out of a visit to Liverpool.

Two of football's rejuvenated teams Queens Park Rangers and Wolves test their toes in hotter water against one another at Loftus Road, and the eighth tie is hardly a dud either with Wimbledon entertaining Swindon Town.

Exeter City have never been beyond the Fourth Round and it would be a super optimist who predicts them breaking through that barrier this time, but manager Brian Godfrey made a very astute comment when he heard his side had been drawn away to Liverpool.

"Somebody's got rid of them

every time in the League Cup, so there's no reason why it shouldn't be us this time."

Still, despite their surprising 2-1 success at Birmingham in the Third Round, one can't honestly see Exeter deflecting Liverpool from their aim to put the record straight.

It's ten years since Swindon Town won a famous League Cup Final victory over Arsenal at Wembley, now they find themselves in more intimidating and less spectacular surroundings not a hundred miles away at Wimbledon where life will not be easy.

The last club Bristol City wanted to draw must have been Nottingham Forest, although they held Cloughie's commandos to a 1-1 draw in the League recently. City have not enjoyed the best of fortune against the European Champions since they came back to the top flight, and it will need a maximum effort to dispose of the holders, bidding for a hat-trick.

Organising

One of the most intriguing ties of the round will be at Loftus Road with the meeting of Queens Park Rangers and Wolves.

In many ways the two clubs are going through similar phases. John Barnwell may not be re-organising quite so quickly or dramatically as Tommy Docherty, but Wolves are in the process of trying to make themselves big again, and with Andy Gray and

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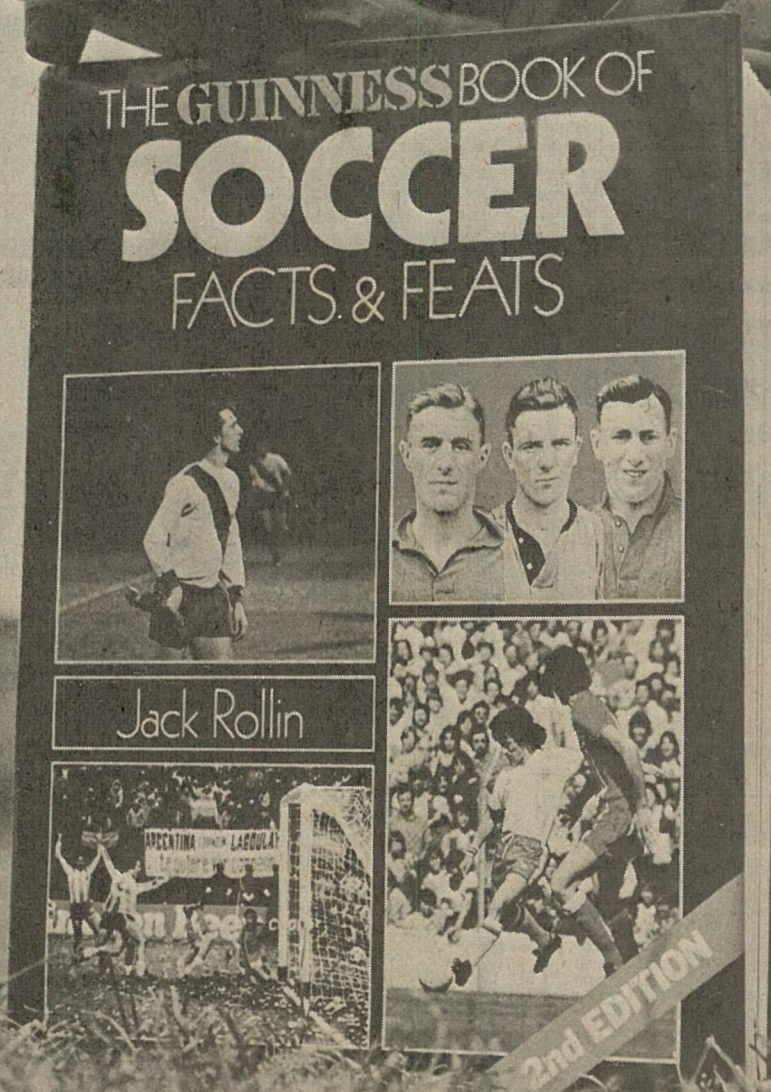
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'NOTHING TO PROVE

SOMEONE said to me earlier this week: "If you score only one more goal this season, I bet you'd want it to be against Aston Villa this Saturday." My reply was that I'd rather score in the F.A. Cup Final... but, yes, I would dearly love to score against my not-too-old club at Molineux this weekend.

I tend to approach every match in the same way. It's been impossible this week, though, for obvious reasons.

I'm trying not to treat the Villa game as anything special, but, of course, it IS special and I'm fully aware of the consequences.

The prospect of playing against Villa excites me, although I'll not get carried away despite all the publicity surrounding the confrontation.

Let me say right away that this is not a grudge match or anything of the sort. I'm sure the Villa fans will give me some "stick" — I understand this and expect it.

I've said in SHOOT that I had four happy years with them and I'll always regard Aston Villa as a fabulous club. As for the fans, I respected them and I hope they respected me. Certainly I have nothing to prove to anyone at Villa Park.

Even so, I'll be as keen to score and help Wolves to victory as they

will be to shut me out and avoid defeat. It promises to be quite a game...

I shan't do anything different during the game, or in preparation, just because it's Villa. I expect John Barnwell will ask me a few things that may help with our planning. Apart from that I'm trying to keep things as they are usually.

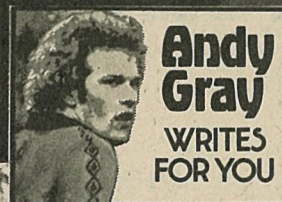
We begin our countdown on Thursdays for Saturday games. In training we will go through certain moves we feel could help us and talk generally about the opposition.

Villa have changed somewhat since I left. With the money they got for me, Ron Saunders has bought full-back Mike Pejic, midfielder Des Bremner and striker David Geddis. All three are good players, but need time to settle down and adapt to their new team.

I can only remember playing against Des once in Scotland and I believe Hibernian beat Dundee United. I hope that isn't an omen for Saturday!

Villa don't operate a man-for-man marking system, so either Ken McNaught, Brendon Ormsby or Allan Evans will pick me up. Ron Saunders won't have to tell them anything about my style, but I doubt if Villa will make the mistake of paying too much attention to me. I hope they do, because this will

"Players such as Derek Parkin and Emlyn Hughes have had to work extra hard to make up for John Richards' and my own lack of full fitness."



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AGAINST VILLA'

mely disappointed. Personal glory always comes second to the team's success.

I couldn't say I was a better player now than I was at Villa, but I'm certainly learning more about the game, playing in a different system.

I'm happier, too, to be away from the boardroom squabbles that were getting me down at Villa Park. I found I was taking these troubles home with me. Now, I'm a much more relaxed person.

Much has been made of my partnership with John Richards and I'm pleased with the way our understanding is improving almost match-by-match. We are not a two-man team, though, and the other lads have helped us tremendously.

John and I haven't been 100 per cent match fit and we've tired, espe-



"Hello Budgie — how's your family?"

cially in the last 15 minutes of games. This means the rest of the team has had to work that much harder to cover and I hope nobody overlooks their contribution.

I'm sure it will be a good game against Villa. I can't see them coming to Molineux to defend; that isn't their strength.

After Villa, we have a mid-week League Cup tie against Queens Park Rangers and after beating Palace, I hope we can make it a double in the capital.

Rangers have hit top form recently after a few problems early on and Tommy Docherty's new signings seem to have fitted in well.

I remember helping Villa to end Q.P.R.'s League Cup hopes and I'm confident we can advance one step nearer Wembley.

John Richards

leave gaps for the other lads to capitalise on.

The two Villa players who could give Wolves most problems are Gordon Cowans and Brian Little. If they click Villa will push us hard. They are the key men in mid-field and attack, both first-class players. Then there is Jimmy Rimmer in goal, who has been the model of consistency.

When we play Crystal Palace, I have a bet with my former Villa team-mate John Burridge that I'll stick one past him. Budgie and I are very close friends, but I don't know Jimmy that well. I may have a small bet on the match just to give it extra

"Allan Evans (left) of Villa will be keeping a close watch on me this Saturday."

spice.

I didn't score against Palace when we beat them 2-1 in the League Cup at Selhurst Park. I was still delighted, though, even if Budgie did win the bet. By the way, I waited for him as the players left the field. Contrary to what you might think, the first thing I said to him was: "How's the family, Budgie?"

His wife, Janet, had just given birth to a baby boy and I wondered how they were. Maybe it is unusual to ask such a question seconds after

the final whistle ... but I was genuinely interested and didn't want to remind John that I'd never been on the losing side against him!

I know I'll be expected to score against Villa. I was interested to read after we'd lost to Forest that the papers made a specific point of mentioning the fact that I hadn't scored. I've always set myself high standards and for me, this was proof that I've achieved what I set out to do. I know I can't score in every game, but that is my aim.

The most important factor is for Wolves to win on Saturday. If we win and I fail to score, that's okay. If I score and Villa win, I'll be extre-

RESULTS...SCORERS...GATES... RESULTS...

Sunday, October 7

League of Ireland

Athlone Town (1) 4 (Davis 2, Wyse, O'Connor)
Drogheda United (0) 0

Dundalk (5) 7 (Daly, Sheehan 2 (2 o.g.'s) Carlyle, Flanagan (pen), Muckian, Byrne)
Galway Rovers (1) 2 (Dunning (o.g.), Cassiday)

Home Farm (0) 0
Cork United (1) 1 (Wiggington)

Limerick United (0) 1 (Hand)
Bohemians (0) 0

St Patrick's (0) 2 (Jameson, O'Donnell)
Shelbourne (0) 0

Shamrock Rovers (0) 1 (Treacy)
Thurles Town (0) 1 (Lyons)

Sligo Rovers (0) 0
UCD (0) 0

Waterford (0) 1 (Keane)
Finn Harps (0) 1 (Minnock)

Monday, October 8

Football League Cup

(Third Round, second replay)

West Ham (2) 5 (Lansdowne 3, Holland, Stewart (pen))
Southend (1) 1 (Gray) 19,718

Second Division

Wrexham (0) 1 (Jones)
Oldham (0) 1 (Valentine) 10,362

Third Division

Mansfield (2) 5 (Austin 3, Taylor 2)
Rotherham (0) 1 (Finney) 6,308

Fourth Division

Tranmere (2) 3 (O'Neill 2, Peplow)
Peterborough (0) 0 1,907

Tuesday, October 9

Football League Cup

(Third Round replay)

Everton (2) 4 (Kidd, Latchford 2, Rimmer (o.g.))
Aston Villa (0) 1 (Swain) 22,088

First Division

Bolton (0) 1 (Whatmore)
Liverpool (0) 1 (Dalglish) 25,571

Bristol C (0) 1 (Ritchie)
Coventry (0) 0 14,853

Ipswich (0) 1 (Brazil)
Arsenal (1) 2 (Sunderland, Rix) 21,527

Southampton (2) 4 (Boyer 3, Holmes)
C. Palace (0) 1 (Hinshelwood) 23,174

Wolves (0) 0
Derby (0) 0 30,131

Second Division

Birmingham (0) 1 (Lynex)
Sunderland (0) 0 18,960

Charlton (1) 3 (Shaw, Robinson, Gritt)
Burnley (0) 3 (Dobson, James, Noble) 5,279

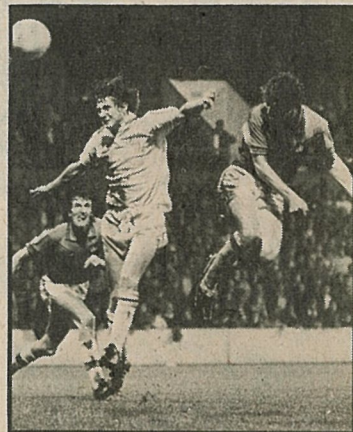
Luton (3) 3 (Hatton 3)
Bristol R (0) 1 (Emmanuel) 8,507

Notts Co (3) 5 (Mair, O'Brien 2 (2 pens), McCulloch, Benjamin)
Shrewsbury (1) 2 (Atkins, Stubbs (o.g.)) 7,251

Orient (1) 1 (Coates)
Fulham (0) 0 5,090

Q.P.R. (0) 3 (Allen 2 (1 pen), Roeder)
Cardiff (0) 0 12,225

Swansea (1) 1 (Waddle)
Watford (0) 0 15,185



West Ham's Pat Holland (right) heads his side's fourth goal in a League Cup replay against Southend.

Third Division

Barnsley (0) 0
Chesterfield (0) 1 (Crawford) 12,366

Grimsby (0) 0
Chester (1) 2 (Oakes, Edwards) 8,007

Hull (0) 1 (Dobson)
Sheff Wed (0) 1 (Wylde) 10,306

Plymouth (1) 1 (Kemp)
Millwall (0) 1 (Lyons) 5,353

Sheff Utd (0) 1 (Bourne)
Colchester (0) 2 (Foley, Gough) 18,712

Walsall (0) 0
Bournemouth (0) 0 4,895

Wimbledon (0) 2 (Dziadulewicz, Leslie)
Exeter (1) 2 (Bowker, Neville) 2,999

Fourth Division

Darlington (1) 2 (Walsh, Kay (o.g.))
York (1) 1 (Welling) 2,072



Doncaster (1) 2 (Lister 2)
Halifax (0) 1 (Whiteley) 3,551

Hartlepool (1) 3 (Lawrence, Newton 2)
Scunthorpe (0) 2 (Partridge (pen), Green) 2,810

Huddersfield (2) 4 (Stanton, Fletcher 2, Cowling)
Wigan (0) 0 7,871

Newport (2) 4 (Oakes, Jopling (o.g.), Elridge 2)
Aldershot (1) 2 (Brodie, Dungworth) 3,782

Rochdale (0) 0
Stockport (0) 1 (Czuczman) 2,307

Wednesday, October 10

First Division

Manchester City (0) 1 (Deyna)
Middlesbrough (0) 0 29,384

Stoke (0) 1 (O'Callaghan)
Nottm For (0) 1 (Birtles) 28,514

Tottenham (2) 3 (Hodde 2, Villa)
Norwich (2) 2 (Peters, Reeves) 26,488

West Brom (0) 2 (Robson, Deehan)
Man Utd (0) 0 26,851

Second Division

Leicester (1) 2 (Young, Wilson)
Cambridge (0) 1 (Gibbons) 15,960

Newcastle (0) 0
Preston (0) 0 24,985

Third Division

Blackburn (0) 1 (Crawford)
Carlisle (1) 2 (Fazackerley (o.g.), Bannan) 7,204

Blackpool (0) 1 (Kerr)
Bury (1) 2 (Constantine, Beamish) 2,121

Oxford (0) 0
Brentford (1) 2 (McNichol, Phillips) 6,084

Reading (1) 2 (Bowman, Kearns)
Swindon (1) 1 (Rowland) 9,639

Fourth Division

Bradford (2) 3 (Bates, Watson, McNiven)
Northampton (0) 1 (Reilly) 4,534

Phil Boyer goes close for Southampton against Crystal Palace at The Dell.

Hereford (0) 0
Port Vale (0) 0 2,761

Lincoln (2) 3 (Sunley, Cockerill, Harford)
Crewe (0) 0 3,335

Torquay (1) 2 (Lawrence, Coffill)
Portsmouth (0) 1 (Hemmerman) 5,525

Scottish League Cup

(Third Round, second-leg)

Ayr (0) 0
Dundee (1) 1 (Redford) 3,600
(Dundee win 3-1 on agg.)

Celtic (0) 2 (MacLeod (pen), Doyle)
Stirling (0) 0 11,000
(Celtic win 4-1 on agg.)

Dundee Utd (0) 2 (Sturrock (pen), Dodds)
Queens's Park (1) 1 (Thomson) 4,000
(Dundee Utd win 5-1 on agg.)

Kilmarnock (1) 2 (Maxwell, Bourke)
Hibs (1) 1 (Higgins) 6,000
(Kilmarnock win 4-2 on agg.)

Morton (1) 4 (Thompson 2, McLaughlin, Ritchie)
Partick (1) 1 (O'Hara) 8,000
(Morton win 5-1 on agg.)

Rangers (0) 0
Aberdeen (2) 2 (Harper, Strachan) 32,000
(Aberdeen win 5-1 on agg.)

St Johnstone (0) 1 (Brogan)
Raith (1) 3 (Ford, Harrow, Wallace) 4,500
(Raith win 4-2 on agg.)

St Mirren (0) 0
Hamilton (1) 2 (Graham 2) 3,000
(Agg. 3-3. Hamilton win on penalties)

Representative Games

Irish League (1) 2 (McCurday, Quinn (pen))
New Zealand (0) 0 (Oval, Belfast)

League of Ireland (1) 2 (Carlyle, Gregg)
New Zealand (0) 1 (Turner (pen)) (Tolka Park, Dublin)

Friday, October 12

Third Division

Southend (0) 0
Colchester (1) 1 (Walker (o.g.)) 5,944

Fourth Division

Rochdale (0) 0
Peterborough (0) 0 1,704

York (0) 1 (Lorimer)
Bournemouth (0) 1 (Holder) 2,840

Saturday, October 13

First Division

Aston Villa (0) 0
West Brom (0) 0 36,007

Bolton (0) 0
Arsenal (0) 0 17,032

Brighton (0) 0
Leeds (0) 0 27,002

Bristol C (1) 1 (Rodgers)
Man Utd (1) 1 (Macari) 28,783

Everton (1) 3 (Kidd, Latchford, King)
C. Palace (1) 1 (Flanagan) 30,645

Ipswich (0) 1 (Mariner)
Liverpool (1) 2 (Hunter (o.g.), Johnson) 25,310

Man City (0) 1 (Deyna)
Nottm For (0) 0 41,683

SCORERS...GATES...

Southampton (0) 2 (Boyer, George)	
Coventry (0) 3 (Wallace 2, Gooding)	22,986
Stoke (0) 0	
Middlesbrough (0) 0	18,406
Tottenham (1) 1 (Armstrong)	
Derby (0) 0	33,269
Wolves (1) 1 (Carr)	
Norwich (0) 0	28,060

Second Division

Burnley (0) 0	
Cardiff (1) 2 (Bishop, Ronson)	6,361
Charlton (1) 1 (Walker)	
Cambridge (1) 1 (Gibbons)	5,814
Chelsea (0) 1 (Chivers)	
Bristol R (0) 0	18,236
Leicester (1) 1 (Williams)	
West Ham (1) 2 (Martin, Cross)	22,472
Luton (1) 2 (Moss 2)	
Sunderland (0) 0	13,504
Newcastle (1) 1 (Shoulder)	
Shrewsbury (0) 0	21,513
Notts Co (1) 1 (Masson)	
Oldham (1) 1 (Halom)	8,918
Orient (0) 1 (Mayo)	
Watford (0) 0	7,506
Q.P.R. (1) 1 (Goddard)	
Preston (1) 1 (Thomson)	14,316
Swansea (3) 4 (Stevenson, Hatter (o.g.), James, Attley)	
Fulham (1) 1 (Beck)	12,960
Wrexham (0) 1 (McNeil (pen))	
Birmingham (0) 0	13,693

Third Division

Barnsley (1) 2 (Lester, Clarke)	
Gillingham (0)	9,132
Blackburn (0) 1 (Brotherston)	
Plymouth (0) 0	6,026
Blackpool (1) 5 (Pashley, McEwan, Kel-low 2, Spence)	
Brentford (1) 4 (Carlton, Phillips, Holmes, B., McNichol)	5,386
Exeter (0) 1 (Bowker)	
Chester (0) 0	3,454
Grimsby (1) 1 (Kilmore)	
Chesterfield (0) 1 (Moss)	6,599
Hull (1) 2 (Phillips, Farley)	
Carlisle (0) 0	5,838
Mansfield (0) 1 (Hamilton)	
Bury (0) 0	4,486
Oxford (0) 1 (Cooke)	
Millwall (2) 2 (Mitchell, Coleman)	6,807
Rotherham (1) 1 (Finney)	
Sheff Wed (2) 2 (Mullen, Curran)	18,500
Sheff Utd (0) 2 (Speight, Butlin)	
Reading (0) 0	16,747
Wimbledon (1) 2 (Cork 2)	
Swindon (0) 0	4,206

Fourth Division

Aldershot (1) 2 (McGregor, Dungworth)	
Northampton (0) 0	3,799
Bradford (2) 6 (Staniforth, Cooper, Dolan (pen), Wood, McNiven, Martinez)	
Stockport (1) 1 (Czuczman)	5,261

Darlington (0) 1 (Walsh (pen))	
Halifax (1) 1 (Burke)	1,670
Doncaster (0) 3 (Snodin, Lewis, Nimmo)	
Wigan (0) 1 (MacIvor)	4,169
Hartlepool (1) 2 (Newton, Ayre)	
Port Vale (0) 1 (Wright)	2,415
Hereford (1) 2 (McGrellis 2)	
Crewe (0) 0	3,030
Huddersfield (0) 1 (Fletcher)	
Portsmouth (2) 3 (Laidlaw 2, Hemmerman)	16,540
Lincoln (3) 4 (Cockerill, Oates (o.g.), Sunley, Harford)	
Scunthorpe (0) 0	4,933
Newport (0) 2 (Aldridge, Lowndes)	
Tranmere (0) 0	4,052
Walsall (0) 1 (Caswell)	
Torquay (1) 1 (Cooper)	4,233

Scottish Premier

Aberdeen (2) 3 (Scanlon, Strachan (pen), Jarvie)	
Kilmarnock (1) 1 (Houston)	13,000
Celtic (1) 3 (MacLeod (pen), McAdam 2)	
Dundee (0) 0	26,000
Dundee Utd (1) 2 (Petigrew, Milne)	
Hibs (0) 0	6,000
Rangers (1) 2 (Johnstone 2)	
Morton (1) 2 (Brown, Orr)	20,000
St. Mirren (0) 1 (Torrance)	
Partick (2) 2 (Gibson, McAdam)	6,000

Scottish First

Arbroath (2) 3 (Wilson, Kidd (pen), Yule)	
Clyde (1) 2 (Dolan 2)	1,026
Berwick (1) 2 (Smith, G. 2)	
Clydebank (2) 3 (Ronald, Miller 2)	1,189
Dumbarton (1) 4 (McCluskey 3 (2 pens), Blair)	
Raith (0) 2 (Wallace, Ford)	1,000
Dunfermline (1) 3 (Hegarty 2, McNaughton)	
St. Johnstone (1) 2 (Brogan 2)	2,600
Hamilton (1) 3 (Graham, Howie 2)	
Hearts (1) 1 (Fraser)	6,500
Motherwell (0) 0	
Ayr (1) 2 (McAllister, Christie)	4,132
Stirling (0) 0	
Airdrie (0) 0	2,200

Scottish Second

Albion (1) 2 (Campbell, Franchetti)	
Falkirk (2) 2 (McRoberts 2)	1,000
Cowdenbeath (2) 3 (Liddle 2, Hunter)	
Queen of South (0) 1 (Alexander)	400
East Fife (0) 0	
Brechin (0) 1 (Campbell, I.)	826
East Stirling (1) 1 (Robertson (o.g.))	
Alloa (0) 0	1,200
Forfar (1) 1 (McPhee)	
Montrose (1) 1 (Beadie)	1,437
Queen's Park (0) 0	
Stranraer (1) 2 (McCutcheon, Hay (pen))	1,000
Stenhousemuir (0) 0	
Meadowbank (0) 1 (Davidson)	300

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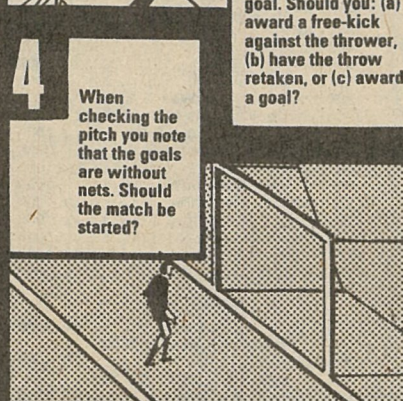
1 A goalkeeper catches the ball and is falling into his own goal when a team-mate pushes him out before the ball crosses the line. Should you: (a) award a goal or (b) caution the team-mate and award a free-kick?



2 An attacker pushes the ball past an opponent and runs around him to regain possession. In doing so he runs off the pitch. Should you: (a) take no action or (b) award a free-kick?



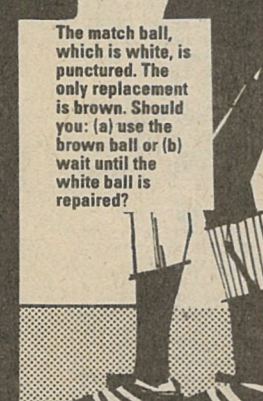
3 Taking a quick throw in an attacker runs after the ball and shoots it into the opponent's goal. Should you: (a) award a free-kick against the thrower, (b) have the throw retaken, or (c) award a goal?



4 When checking the pitch you note that the goals are without nets. Should the match be started?



5 The match ball, which is white, is punctured. The only replacement is brown. Should you: (a) use the brown ball or (b) wait until the white ball is repaired?



ANSWERS

1 Caution the team-mate and award a free-kick (b). 2 Take no action (a). 3 Award a free-kick against the thrower (a). 4 No. Although this only applies to Football League matches and therefore in non-League games you can play without any nets. 5 Use the brown ball (a). Although in the Football League before the kick-off most clubs bring in two footballs of the same colour, at Arsenal they bring in three. Recently at Bristol Rovers, Shrewsbury complained and stated they did not wish to play with the match ball which was the new red and white football. Unfortunately, Bristol Rovers did although their goalkeeper Martin Thomas was not happy with it, and as they had no other footballs available, I had to play with the red and white one.

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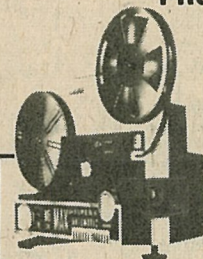
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THE last time Jim Montgomery and Brian Clough lined up on the same side, in a footballing sense, was way back in Clough's days as a striker with Sunderland.

Brian was a prolific goalscorer who had moved from North-East rivals Middlesbrough to Roker Park, while Montgomery was a young goalkeeper, just starting out in the game.

In fact, 'Monty', as he is affectionately known, was playing the day the idol of Roker sustained the knee injury which finally ended his career, on Boxing Day 1962.

Now, 17 years on, they're together again, this time at Nottingham Forest.

And it's a fair bet that Clough and his side-kick, Peter Taylor, as shrewd as ever in the transfer market, view the close-season free transfer of Montgomery from Birmingham, as important to their set-up at Forest, as the purchase of number one 'keeper Peter Shilton was, a few years ago.

"Funnily enough, it looked as if I'd be going to Forest before the

interested in me, and I spoke to Brian Clough about that when I met him and Peter Taylor, shortly after their European Cup triumph.

"Listen, Jim," he said, in his typical forthright manner. "You can forget anything else you might have heard. As far as we're concerned, you're coming to Forest — and that's final."

"In that early meeting with the Forest management, they pointed out that a top club, which is what Forest have become, can expect to get through somewhere between 60 to 70 games in a season, what with League, domestic Cups and European competitions. And that can so easily take its toll on players."

"To a club like this, every game is important, and just one slip can prove so costly."

But wouldn't he have preferred the guarantee of a regular first team spot, probably with a club in another Division?

"Not at all," was Jim's immediate reply. "While I was with Birmingham, I had the chance

Monty-Shilton's Star Stand-in

end of last season," Jim told SHOOT.

"Birmingham boss, Jim Smith, was keen on Forest's young 'keeper, Chris Woods, and wanted him as part of the £1 million deal which took Trevor Francis to Nottingham. That meant me going to Forest as cover. But the Woods part of the deal fell through — so I thought no more about it."

"Then, completely out of the blue, at the end of the season, I received a phone call from Forest to say that the move was back on again, because Woods was going to Queens Park Rangers."

"My contract with Birmingham didn't expire until the end of July, so I wasn't due to sign for Forest until August. But in the meantime there were whispers going round that a couple of other clubs were

to move to one or two Third and Fourth Division clubs, but I just didn't fancy that at all."

"No! I'd rather be second to the best in the country than do that."

"Besides, the management here is a great believer in the squad system. They like to involve everyone in the success of the club."

"I consider it an honour that he should want me to help play a part in his plans."

"In particular, I feel I've got an important role to play in the development of the youngsters in the Central League side. Not in a coaching sense, of course, because the coaching set-up here is already second to none."

Despite his own modesty, Monty is no novice on the coaching scene. He trains a local side, and also took part in a course during the summer. It's an area he's been interested in for some time.

He readily admits he wouldn't mind following in the footsteps of Frank Clark, a fellow Geordie who went to Forest from Newcastle, in what most people saw as the twilight of his career, but then went on to win League Cup, League Championship and European Cup winners medals.

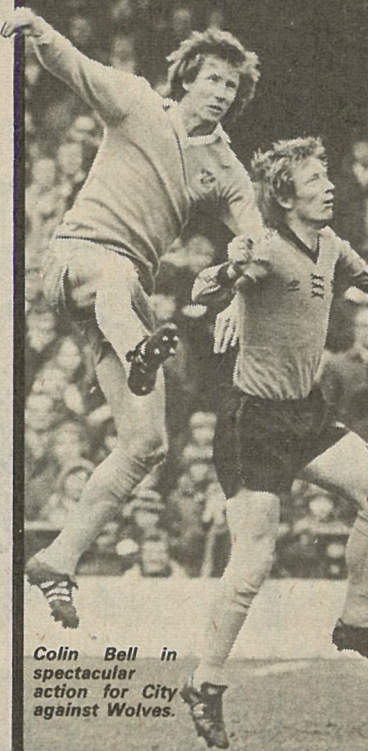
Now Clark has returned to the North-East, this time to take up the assistant-manager's role at Sunderland.

"I think Frank's case was something of a fairy tale come true," said Jim.

Then, with a smile, he added: "But there again, who knows — when Brian Clough and Peter Taylor are around, anything can happen."

Soccer's 'Nijinsky' has run his last race

A SHOOT TRIBUTE TO COLIN BELL



Colin Bell in spectacular action for City against Wolves.

panic so far as I was concerned."

Bell has often heard people blame Manchester United's Martin Buchan for the injury, but philosophically he replies:

"Football is a man's game and I have no recriminations whatsoever. I can remember the incident vividly. I had three options open to me, and unfortunately for me I chose the wrong one."

"The problem was that both Martin and myself were travelling at speed, and just like when two cars crash in similar circumstances the impact was tremendous."

Looking back now on his 12 terrific years at Maine Road, Colin reflects. "I couldn't have asked for more. We won the League Championship and the F.A. Cup, reached the Final of the League Cup three times in six years, took the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1970, and I played for England."

He did too, 48 times, the last in 1975 against Czechoslovakia in Bratislava.

Five months earlier Bell had scored one of the goals in England's resounding 5-1 trouncing of Scotland at Wembley.

The other highlights of his international career were two sparkling goals in a 3-0 win over Czechoslovakia in October, 1974, when the curtain went up on Don Revie's reign as England manager, another goal in a famous victory over West Germany at Wembley six months later, and the first time he led his country as captain.

'Marvellous'

Yes, despite his present misfortune he has had some good times.

"Actually I have been quite lucky. I had never suffered any serious injuries before this one and I have had a marvellous time with Manchester City."

"Bury was a good starting point and I was well looked after in my two years there, but my whole life has been Manchester City and in my time with the club we always seemed to be chasing one honour or another."

Bell isn't sure what the future holds. He is already involved in a restaurant business, but may yet consider staying in football in some capacity.

"I am keeping fit because I am a fitness fanatic anyway, but I honestly haven't decided yet."

"It's going to take me three months to get over the shock. It was my number one aim to play again, and now that I can't do that it will take me time to re-adjust."

Whatever he decides to do I'm sure all SHOOT readers will join in wishing Colin all future success.

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At the start of this season the fair-haired aristocrat of Manchester City and England, finally conceded defeat to the cruel twinges of pain in his knee and officially retired.

It is ironic that a leg injury should cut short the career of a man who seemed capable of running for ever, whose lungs apparently knew no limits, and whose overall stamina earned him the nickname of 'Nijinsky', a thoroughbred if ever there was one.

Colin Bell never gave less than 100 per cent whether it was in his first game for Bury reserves or his last in an England shirt.

"I couldn't bear to be out there knowing I was letting the rest of the team down by not pulling my weight," he said with the sort of frank honesty we came to expect of Colin Bell.

"I have been battling to get fit for three or four years, but when the doctors said that if I continued playing the knee would only get worse, I knew it was the end."

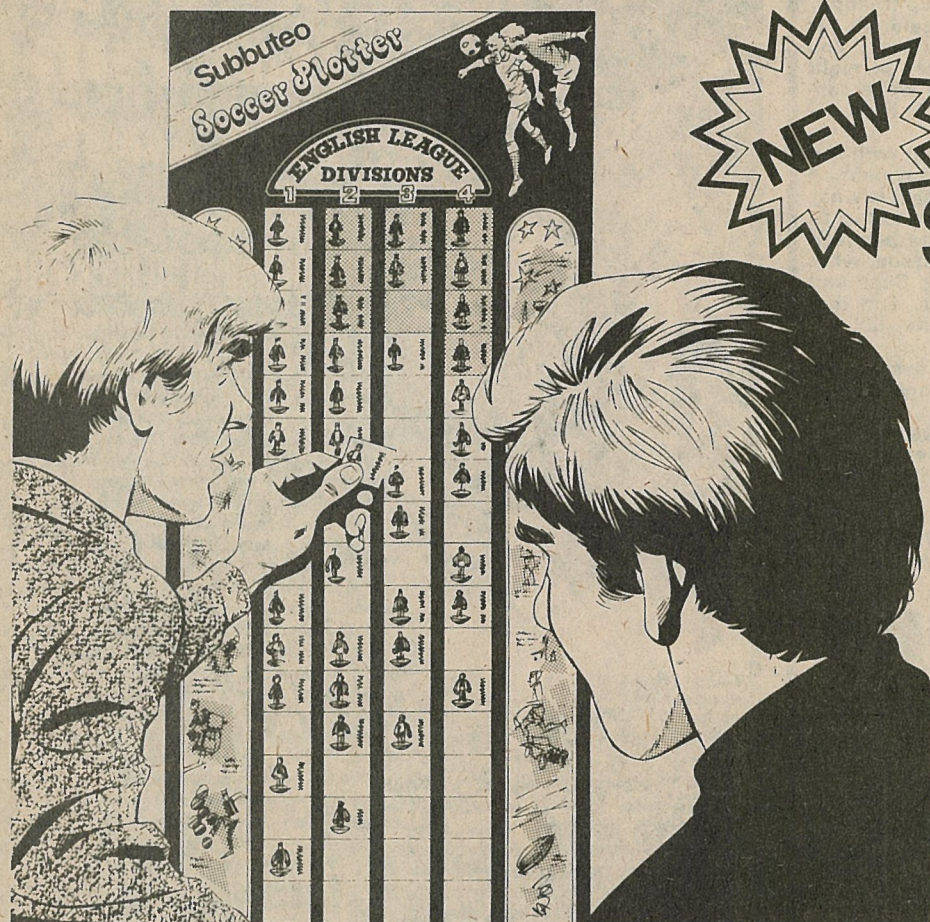
Bell, who was the last remaining link with the great City side of the late 60's, is full of praise for the medical people who even made it possible for him to return at all.

"Apparently when I first sustained the injury there was even a possibility that I might lose the leg."

"The hospital staff kept that close to their chests and by the time I found out the danger had passed, so there was never any



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Why MIKE PEJIC chose trouble-torn Villa



Mike Pejic (below, left) tussles with Arsenal's Frank Stapleton.



ADDING strength and stability to the Aston Villa defence is newcomer Mike Pejic — the first of Ron Saunders' trio of fresh faces to arrive at the club in a ten day September spending spree.

Ex-England left-back Pejic, a £250,000 buy from Everton, made his Villa debut at Crystal Palace on September 15th, and appears to have fitted into the side without any difficulty at all. So what's the secret?

"It's a case of sorting things out during the week with your training schedules," explains Mike, "and sorting out the little problems with each other's play and putting them together on match days."

Pejic has suffered the added burden of trying to blend in with a team struggling to produce their top form.

"We're working on certain things," says Mike. "I won't say what they are, but every game we play it improves. We get a better understanding."

"Villa are a big club with ambitions. The manager, Ron Saunders, has got faith in me and they paid the money, which is a lot because I'm 29 now. So I came."

'Controversy'

Pejic claims he has not felt the shock waves of Villa's boardroom crisis. "It's okay between the lads and the manager. It's just a little uncertain at the time of speaking with this boardroom controversy going on."

"We played better in our League Cup game against Everton, although we were hammered 4-1 in the replay," he says. "In the first two matches against Crystal Palace and Arsenal we were a little uncertain with each other's play, but we're settling down. We're playing more on the floor and we're playing better. Very good — I'm pleased with it."

"There's a definite improvement, a good spirit on the field and we're more organised. We're talking to each other more as well."

"Unfortunately we didn't win at home against Everton, but with more performances like that, then we should be on the right lines."

Pejic, born in Chesterton near Newcastle-under-Lyme, began his career at Stoke and went to the Victoria Ground from amateur schoolboys. He was an apprentice for two

years and then signed professional forms at the age of 18.

"I was in the first team when I was 19," he says. "I've been in the First Division for 11 years now."

Pejic won the first of his four England caps in season 1973/74 against Portugal and in the same season was honoured against Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

He has eight Under-23 caps to his collection and a League Cup winner's medal which he gained when Stoke beat Chelsea 2-1 in 1972. In February, 1977, he was transferred to Everton in a £140,000 deal.

How does Mike describe his game? "I use the left foot, play balls into the goalmouth, play one touch and clip balls along the line to the forwards. I read the game pretty well. I'm getting better the older I get. I'm using my experience now and I'm doing more talking and getting more involved."

"I've come here and I think the manager wants me to try and help the younger members of the team, and I think I'm doing just that."

He is an avid admirer of Ron Saunders. "Ron's a good boss. Very honest, very open. You can't ask for more than that and that's the way I like it."

"When he bought me he told me to just settle down and play the way I can. Obviously, that's why he splashed out on me because he liked the way I play."

"We were too rushed at first. We were getting the ball forward too quickly and consequently we weren't playing the right ball. We're more as a unit now."

"We're improving with every game and if we carry on the way we are doing, then Aston Villa will climb the First Division table. Yes, we're on the right tracks."

Rivals like watching BRADFORD CITY

HOW often have you heard supporters of a Second Division club praising the quality of football played by Fourth Division visitors?

Not often we'll wager. Well that happened when followers of Queens Park Rangers went home singing the praises of Bradford City.

Although beaten 2-1 at Loftus Road in the League Cup, the Yorkshire club gave an extremely impressive display, and there were certainly no complaints about kick and rush.

"That was very gratifying," admitted City manager George Mulhall. "We don't have the players to play any other way, but it is still nice to hear people say how much they enjoy watching us."

During the summer Mulhall made only two signings, defender Terry Cooper from Lincoln City and centre-forward David Staniforth from Bristol Rovers.

And it was Staniforth who scored City's classic goal at Rangers, a pure and powerful header, at the end of a five-pass build-up during which not a single home player touched the ball.

Mulhall acknowledges he probably needs another couple of players to bolster his squad, but says: "Given the breaks we should do well. We are playing with a lot of confidence, and people have said we are playing above normal Fourth Division standards."

Perhaps this is not altogether surprising when you look at City's squad.

The two goalkeepers are Peter Downsborough, who inspired Swindon Town to a League Cup Final victory over Arsenal, and Steve Smith, who once kept for Birmingham City.

Paul Reaney, ex-Leeds United and England full-back, Terry Dolan, with Huddersfield Town, David McNiven, and Mick Bates (Leeds), Lammie Robertson and Don Hutchins (both Leicester) have all played First Division football.

Steve Baines had experience with Nottingham Forest as well as Huddersfield when they moved around in higher circles, while Staniforth and Mick Wood (Blackburn) both enjoyed several seasons in the Second Division.

That leaves the experienced Cooper, full-backs Cec Podd and Gary Watson, defender John Middleton, and youngsters Peter Jackson, Eugene Martin and Tibor Szabo.

"We have a nice blend and there is no reason at all why we shouldn't go up, although it is too early to start talking like that," says Mulhall.

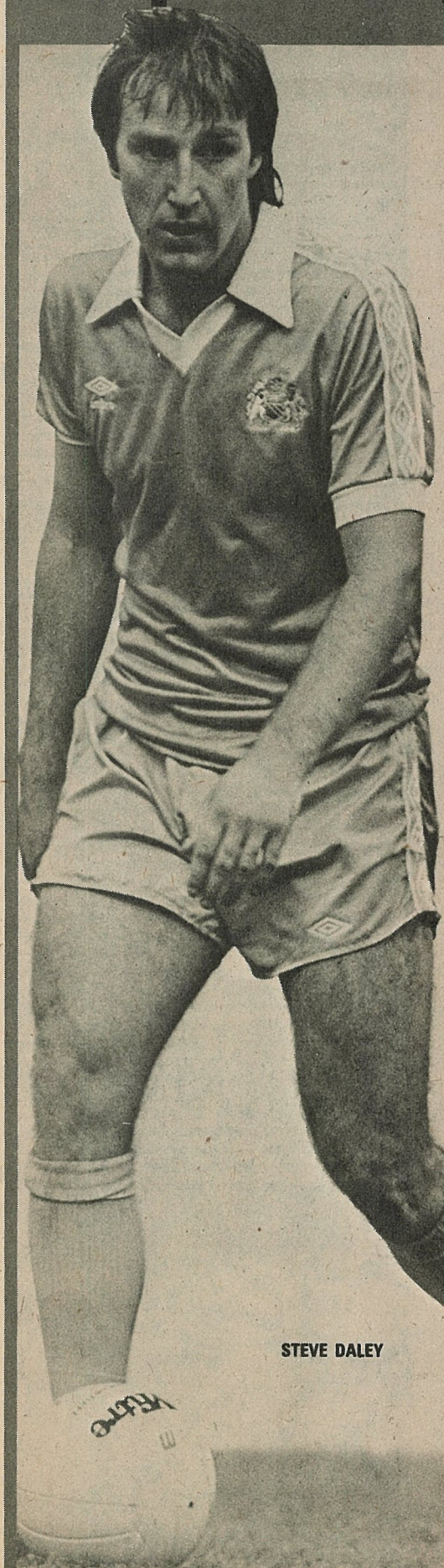
"After losing in the home leg of our League Cup-tie with Darlington, we went to their place and pulverised them. Then we took 15 points from our first eight League games and confidence was sky-high."



City defender Gary Watson tackles QPR's Martyn Busby as Steve Baines moves in.

IS STEVE DALEY WORTH

A top manager and three players



STEVE DALEY



'Not in the class of Liam Brady'

BOBBY ROBSON (Ipswich)

STEVE Daley is a player with excellent all-round vision, which enables him to get into first-class scoring positions. Two-footed, he is at his best when he is in a side that is adept at keeping possession of the ball — he welcomes the opportunity to go forward.

For ability, I wouldn't place Steve in the class of Liam Brady, and for further comparison, rate him as highly as Asa Hartford. Daley hasn't played for England. But if he was regularly appearing in a good side, and makes the most of his chances, a successful future could lie ahead of him.

Are midfield men like Steve Daley worth more than men in other positions? In the old days, a top-scoring centre-forward would fetch a bigger fee than a defender, but a modern full-back of the quality of John Gidman would also be very expensive. In today's game, a midfield man with attacking ability can give an opposing defence as many problems as a striker. The centre-forward relies on the support of his teammates behind him and is closely marked, but a player like Steve Daley is able to move upfield and play off the men in front of him. The midfield man can use space, and his mobility can make him a valuable member of the team — and in a top-class side, defenders, midfield men and forwards are equally valuable.

Any player who has just been transferred has better chances of settling in quickly if he moves to a club which is achieving good results.

For example, a team such as Liverpool is operating very much like a Rolls-Royce car, smoothly and efficiently — and if a new cog is needed, it is fitted and soon adapts to the machine as a whole. But if Steve Daley doesn't adjust quickly, the fact that he cost Manchester City a lot of money makes him a ready target for criticism.

There are a number of new men at Maine Road — and because they all have the same problems to overcome in adjusting, the bigger incentive is there for them to help each other.

No player, in my view, is worth £1,400,000. England is out-doing Brazil, Italy and other football countries in paying out huge sums for players, and there is a big risk in laying out so much money on one man.

'Ridiculous fee, but typical of the transfer market'

JOHN RICHARDS (Wolves)

AS a two-footed player my ex-Molineux team-mate is able to acquit himself on the right, centre or left of midfield, which is a tremendous asset to his team. He is also an attacking midfield player of great skill and ability who scored 14 goals for us when we came up from the Second Division.

With these qualities, I can easily understand why he has been very much in demand.

Making a comparison between Steve and other leading midfield players, I would say that his style more closely resembles that of Tony Currie's than Liam Brady's. But Steve has the edge on Tony because he works harder, and the ability to keep going enables him to more than hold his own with others in his position.

Is Steve more valuable to City than men up-front, or in defence? Years ago, a goal-scoring specialist would cost more than a defender. Scoring goals against today's well organised defences is the most difficult job of all. Andy Gray's fee indicates that strikers are tops in the transfer market.

Will Steve Daley find it difficult to adjust at Maine Road? I think he will. During recent months, players have been bought and sold by Manchester City, and although they may be a good side within the next two years, the fact is that at the moment they have no set pattern of play. Compare this, say, to Graeme Souness moving from Middlesbrough to a Liverpool side that was already established — he knew exactly what was expected of him. At Maine Road at present, the players are strangers to each other.

I can't help giving my opinion on the fee for Steve of £1,400,000 — it is ridiculous but typical of the crazy modern transfer market. Some people might say that this sort of money should only be paid for an established international — but Steve didn't put that price on his head.



£1,400,000? give their views



**'He's as good as any
midfielder around'**

DENNIS MORTIMER (Aston V)

STEVE Daley is an outstanding midfield player who is strong, fast and skilful and always gives 100 per cent. A left-sided midfielder, he is the type I would like alongside me in a team — he has a good shot, gets goals, and even in the days when he was taking stick at Wolves, Steve still gave everything he had in a match.

It's my opinion he is as good as any midfielder around. It is never easy to be a good player in a side that is not doing well, as has been the case with Wolves in recent years, but even in a struggling team, Daley was the star.

Had he been in a side that was doing well and hitting the headlines, his own displays would have received more publicity. As it is, when I think of players such as Asa Hartford, Graeme Souness or Terry McDermott, Steve has all the necessary attributes to be included with them.

Is a midfielder man like Steve Daley worth more than a defender or goalscorer? There is only one reply to that — we all depend on each other, and there is no way of proving that one department of a side is more valuable than another.

Defenders have to do their job at the back, and midfield players set up the passes that are left to the strikers to finish off. That is the pattern in a team, and no player is more important than others because of the particular position he occupies in that side.

About how Steve Daley will adjust at Maine Road I can only surmise as to how things may go. For example, there is a lot of money on Steve's head, and this could go against him if results are poor.

On the other hand, some confident displays by Steve could uplift the team — at present, I don't know that system Manchester City are playing to or what role is expected of him. Stepping into a side playing to a regular pattern, like Nottingham Forest, might suit him — or it may not.

My opinion of big transfers like Steve Daley's is that they are ruining the game. Big fees can encourage players to move, and go against the old idea of a man taking pride in playing for his club. Some genuinely want away from a club — others move for greed.

**'No player is worth
that amount'**

JOHN CRAGGS (Middlesboro)

ONE of Steve Daley's big assets is his character — he is the type of person who hates to lose. He is also exceptionally sharp in making the most of any situation, gets quickly into an attacking position and is very constructive.

I don't believe that Steve comes out ahead in assessing his qualities with those of other outstanding midfield men, such as Asa Hartford, Liam Brady or Terry McDermott. But he is good enough to be reckoned to be in the top class, and certainly his sheer concentration during a match is second to none among the leading players.

If I had to say which of the other midfield men he most closely resembled in style, I think it would be Terry McDermott. Both have a lot of skill on the ball, and the pair of them are very dangerous when they make their sudden dashes forward from midfield.

Trying to assess whether or not Steve Daley, in his position as a midfielder, is worth more than a top goalscorer or defender is difficult to answer. Generally speaking, I believe that all are valuable in the roles they fill in a side, and when it comes to buying, it depends on how much a manager needs someone for a particular spot in his team — if he needs a defender, that player will be the most valuable to him at that time.

Summing up, a goalscorer does have one unique advantage over defenders and midfielder men — if he gets 30 goals a season, his record is there for all to see.

How will Steve Daley settle in at Maine Road? As most of the Manchester City team have just been bought in recent months and are new to each other, I think he could find it awkward to adjust quickly. Even if Steve himself is playing well, the team may be struggling, which would make it hard for him.

Of course, nothing is easy to predict in football — Daley could feel at home within a month. But with City making an indifferent start to the season, the chances are that it might be the end of the term before he really finds his feet.

That fee of £1,400,000 — I don't think any player is worth it. But if a manager decides that he has the cash to use, I don't blame him for taking a chance in certain circumstances.

But this type of transfer isn't good for the game, because it can influence other managers to spend more than they can afford — they feel they don't want to miss out on the transfer action.



**And the
final word
from STEVE,
himself...**

**'By today's standards
I'm worth it'**

STEVE Daley can't understand why so many people were ready to criticise him after his £1.4 million move to Maine Road.

He says: "The fee is ridiculous. But I didn't negotiate the price. I was just in the middle."

"Most things aren't worth what you pay for them these days, but if you want something enough, you'll pay any price for it."

"Manchester City obviously wanted me badly enough to pay that sort of money and I'm grateful to them."

"Some people seem to think I've suddenly become a bad player, but I'm going to prove them wrong."

"Although it's incredible to think of a club paying almost a million and a half for me, I feel I'm worth it with prices as they are. If I'm worth £1.4 million, what's Liam Brady worth?"

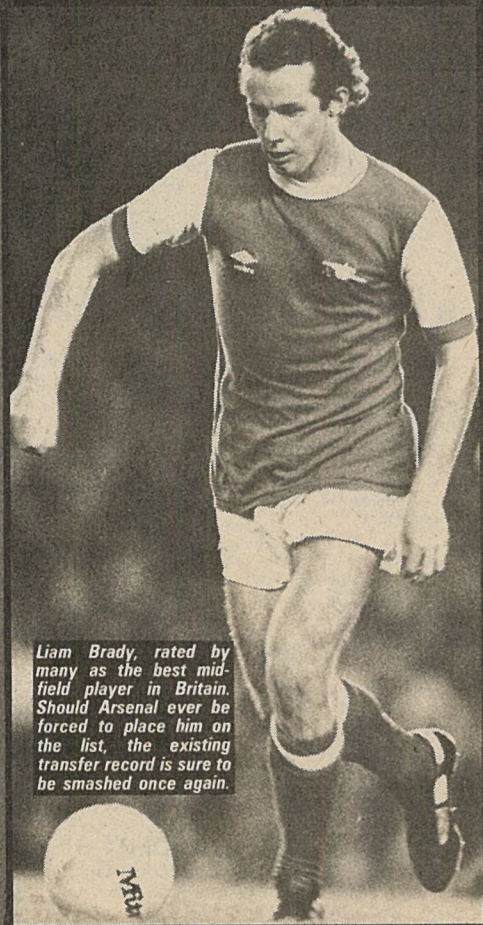
"I didn't have an ideal debut for City against Southampton. I don't think I was mentally prepared to play so soon after signing."

"But it was also my first game of the season so naturally, my legs got a bit tired towards the end."

"Before my recent injury my stamina had improved 100 per cent since then and I felt that I was getting better with every game."

"Wolves were playing me out of position on the left wing. The manager said I was the only player who could take players on down the flank."

"But Malcolm Allison and Tony Book are playing me in my best position in midfield. And they'll see the best of me."



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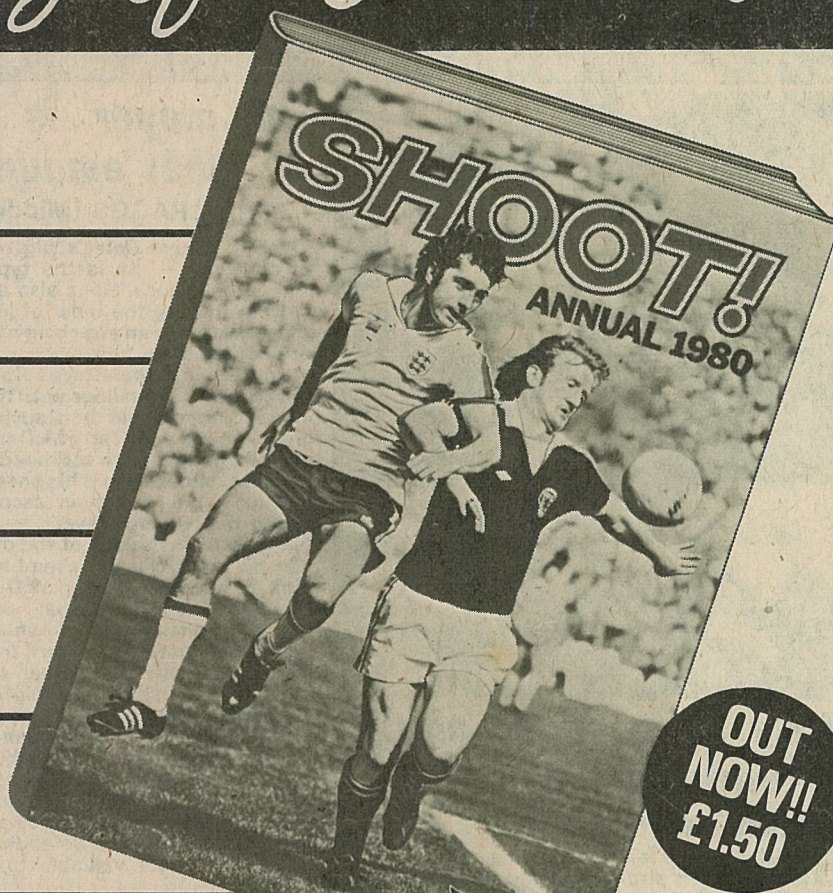
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Happy days for Mervyn

MERVYN Day, Orient's £100,000 signing from West Ham, is looking forward to a highly enjoyable and successful career with the East London club, despite their poor start to the season.

Mervyn, one of the nicest guys in the game, radiated confidence and contentment when he talked to SHOOT recently about his return to League soccer with Jimmy Bloomfield's team.

"There were other clubs interested in my future," said the man who succeeded the popular John Jackson, "but after I'd spoken with Jimmy Bloomfield, and seen how things were run, I had no doubts at all that this would be a good club for me.



"Orient may not be as big a club as West Ham in terms of First Division experience, star names, glamour, and so on, but I believe that because of this, we are more tightly-knit here, enjoy much more of a family atmosphere.

"This club is ambitious, it has some very promising youngsters emerging, it has a terrific manager, and, equally important from a domestic viewpoint, signing for Orient meant I would still be in London and could continue living in my present home."

The present England supremo, Ron Greenwood, then in charge at Upton Park, gave 18-year-old Day his first team baptism, and launched the youngster on a West Ham career that brought him five England Under-23 caps, an F.A. Cup-winners' medal, and recognition by his fellow-professionals who voted him "Young Player of the Year", all in the 1974/75 season.

In December, 1977, loss of form and confidence cost Mervyn his place in the League side, and

although he came back ten months later, a move was on the cards when The Hammers paid a massive £565,000 for Queens Park Rangers' giant 'keeper, Phil Parkes, early this year.

Last July, Orient manager Jimmy Bloomfield, a long-time admirer of Day, shelled-out the East London club's record fee for the player and, to date, Jimmy is delighted with his purchase.

We asked Mervyn if his early success and subsequent struggle to recapture the eye-catching brilliance that plastered his name in headlines five seasons ago, had in any way changed his attitude to the game.

"I'm older and more mature," he replied, "and have had my share of the game's ups and downs, but, no, I wouldn't say I've altered in any way. I agree I'm an easy-going type of bloke. Even the fact the games I had when things weren't going too well for me at West Ham, seemed to be remembered more than the seasons when I did all right, didn't upset me all that much.

'Determined'

"I wouldn't have lasted four full seasons in the First Division if I didn't have something to offer, and I'm determined to prove it with Orient.

"During my years at Upton Park, I did a lot of special training aimed at ironing-out any problems I'd had in previous games, and this is something that I'm continuing with here.

"I've settled in well with the rest of the lads, and got off to a good start with the fans by saving a penalty. Taking over from a goalkeeper of John Jackson's class is no easy job, especially as Jacko was such a terrific favourite. I'd like to think I can make the same sort of impact as he did.

"While these are early days yet, I'm optimistic about our chances of eventually clinching promotion. Maybe not this season but in the near future. With a real old-type professional like Ralph Coates inspiring our youngsters with his skill and tremendous commitment, and remember, only Ralph and Alan Whittle are on the 30 mark, we could cause a few surprises.

"The important thing is I'm really enjoying my football again. I'm relaxed and content and playing for a club whose team-spirit would be hard to beat anywhere despite our early troubles. Usually I put on weight during the close season, but I had no problem at all this time. I'm feeling great, and looking forward to a successful career with Orient."

'I aim to be England's Number One'

"I WANT to become the England goalkeeper one day, in fact you could say that's why I came back to England." Those are the words of Manchester United's 21-year-old 'keeper Gary Bailey.

Yet only ten months ago he was an unknown reserve stepping out at Old Trafford for his first League game against Ipswich — his father's old club.

"I had nothing to lose and everything to gain in that debut," says Bailey.

Since then he has gone on to become United's first choice 'keeper and has saved The Reds the £400,000 they were prepared to pay for a replacement for the great Alex Stepney when the signing of Coventry's Jim Blyth fell through.

For Gary and United the 1978/79 season ended with only half a fairy tale. They fought through to the Cup Final only to lose to a late Arsenal goal.

'Connection'

"Back home in South Africa I came in for a bit of stick. The Final was shown live and they look upon me as their connection with the Football League. I came in for criticism from the Press for the third Arsenal goal, though TV vindicated me afterwards."

This season United are mounting their first serious challenge for the League Championship for seven years and manager Dave Sexton has been unstinting in his praise of Bailey. "A great prospect and a player who is constantly improving," he says.

Bailey says this of his attitude: "I've managed to keep my feet firmly on the ground, despite everything. I believe in concentrating hard on my game, studying and working on the weak points and building on the strong ones."

Much of his determination comes from his father, Roy Bailey, who has been the driving force behind him.

"He didn't want me to be a

says Man. United's 'keeper GARY BAILEY

goalkeeper at first, but when he saw how keen I was he helped me as much as possible. I suppose I was copying him. That's why I want to be England's goalkeeper, it's for my dad who never got the chance."

Gary started playing at 12 and by the time he left South Africa he had represented his Province and Wits University — where he studied Civil Engineering for two years. Although he hasn't been able to finish the course over here, he hopes to get a degree in Physics at Manchester Polytechnic in 1982.

"I enjoy my studying as much as my football. A degree is a good thing to have for my future. It shows you have ability at something other than football. I don't know what I'll end up doing, but computers fascinate me so it could be in that field."

In 1976 he spent an abortive two months with Ipswich Town but quickly returned to South Africa, desperately homesick. In '77 he was back in Europe again, this time in Holland with AZ Alkmaar. He read of United's search for a new 'keeper, took the bull by the horns, and 'phoned Sexton, who organised a trial game at Everton. Bailey officially joined United on Christmas Eve that year.

Soon after his break into the First Division, Sexton appointed ex-United goalkeeper Harry Gregg, then managing Fourth Division Crewe, to coach his 'keepers. Bailey acknowledges the enormous role Gregg has since played in his development.

"Harry took over where my dad left off, he's been tremendous. We work together all the time, watching videotape recordings of me in action. It's a great help to be able to see exactly what I'm doing wrong — or right."

Dave Sexton must be a happy manager. Things have begun to go right for United — and Gary Bailey, who is only 21.

SIX games, sandwiched in just 18 days, stunned Sheffield United last season. Having just beaten Notts County 5-1, Newcastle (away) 3-1 and drawn 1-1 with Wrexham they were expected to coast into a safe position in the Second Division but instead they ran out of steam and let in ten goals — 0-4 Cardiff (away) 2-6 Sun-

Will 1979/80 be lucky 13

derland (away) — steadied themselves by beating Charlton (home) 2-1, then slid into the Third Division by losing 0-1 to Blackburn (home), 0-1 to Cambridge (away) and scrambling a draw against Leicester (home) 2-2.

Those black days between April 21st and May 8th will take some forgetting, so we took a look recently at the man on the pitch responsible for United's efforts to gain promotion to the Second Division at the first attempt — skipper Mick Speight.

We found him brimming with confidence in the team around him. "When I look at our side I know that it's better than last year — we have skill in every department," he said.

"There's a hardness now in competing for each other. Defenders



side of the First Division in John McPhail and Tony Kenworthy.

"They complement each other very well and have the right attitude in life... they want to be number one and want to win."

Speight is in his 13th year with the club and has seen many teams built and disbanded. He has played under five managers, different coaches, different directors and witnessed impressive ground improvements.

ward left I was made captain. There can't be a greater achievement for someone like me who has stayed with the club since school.

"When I go out on the pitch for a game it's fantastic. It is what I've always wanted and my wish would be to stay with Sheffield United until the end of my playing days. I would like to go in the club's history as the skipper who took them all the way back to the First Division."

Despite an early setback when Sheffield United were eliminated

for MICK SPEIGHT?

"They haven't cut any corners here because we have been relegated. Everything is still big... it must be great for sides like Bury, Oxford and Colchester to come here — more like a Cup Final for them!"

It hasn't always been smooth running for Speight at United. "I was looking back the other day to two years ago. I had been out with two cartilage injuries and was in disagreement about my role on the pitch."

"It looked as if I was going to be discarded but a few weeks later Harry Haslam came and I played in a friendly match. He came up to me afterwards and said 'you're staying... forget about moving!'"

"That picked me up and within eight months I was selected for an England 'B' tour of Malaysia and

New Zealand. When Alan Wood from the Football League Cup in the First Round by Doncaster Rovers — 4-2 on aggregate — The Blades made a tremendous start to the season.

Playing regularly in front of crowds of 15,000-plus at Bramall Lane, United headed the Third Division table with 19 points from 13 games and are already looking good bets for a promotion spot at the end of the season.

Mick hopes his 13th year will be lucky for him and the club. "We are the gate-crashers on a party. The Third Division is new territory and everyone wants to beat us."

By his Yorkshire nature, he was born in Upton near Wakefield, Speight wants to beat everyone, which makes him the natural leader for the uphill climb ahead.

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This week's Star Letter comes from Peter Horton of Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, who wins our Special Prize of £5. He writes:

WELL DONE, LEEDS

★ I AM writing to praise the actions of the Leeds United directors and manager. Last season Jimmy Adamson talked to the fans on the pitch and appealed to them not to cause any more trouble. The directors also threatened to close any part of the ground where there was trouble for one match. If there was any trouble at that part of the ground again the closure would be doubled each time.

Against Manchester City this season there was trouble in the South Stand, with some missiles thrown on to the pitch. The directors must be praised for immediately carrying out their threat and closing this part of the ground, even though it will cost the club money.

Let us hope we now return to the situation of last season where there was virtually no trouble at all.

● Many clubs TALK about counteracting hooliganism, but Leeds, to their credit, have taken positive steps. Other clubs please note.

Allison was correct

WITH reference to the article on body movement by Malcolm Allison (October 13th), it was ironic that Big Mal should have singled out Bryan Robson of Sunderland as an example of someone who uses his body to effect.

The day before that particular copy of SHOOT came out, Pop scored a superb goal for the Roker lads to knock Allison's City out of the League Cup.

THOMAS LYNN, SUNDERLAND.

● It proves Big Mal knows what he's talking about!

Hodde . . . or Ardiles?

WHAT's happened to Osvaldo Ardiles? Last season he was like a breath of fresh air. Now, the tiny Spurs midfielder seems to have been dragged down to the level of the average First Division schemer.

I feel sorry for him, being played up front. I hope Ossie can become his old self again, but I wonder if he and Glenn Hodde can really play together. Both are play-makers and a team can't have two such midfield generals.

Last season Glenn was the one out in the cold; now Ossie is playing second-fiddle.

Spurs, and English football, need

the talented Argentine playing to his full potential and the only way he can do that is to be made the midfield general once again.

MARK PRITCHARD, SHENFIELD.

● What do other Spurs fans think?

Loyal Brooking

TREVOR Brooking's signing of a new four-year contract with West Ham shows that not all top players want success.

Many people thought that when The Hammers were relegated Trevor would leave Upton Park. Playing in Division Two has not affected his form or his international career with England.

STEPHEN HEATH, BASINGSTOKE.

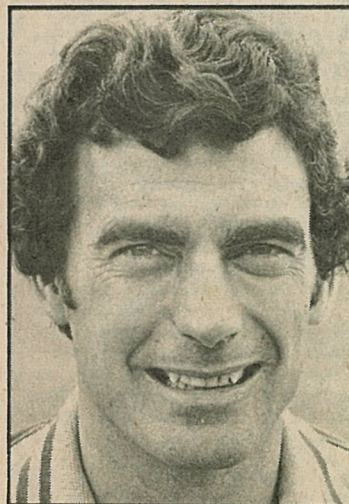
● Trevor's (left) loyalty is to be admired, but I'm not sure if he'd be too pleased with your first paragraph!

Scottish "Musts"

I AM a fan of Crystal Palace and Scotland and it puzzles me why Jock Stein overlooks Jim Cannon and Rangers' Derek Johnstone. To me, they are "musts" for Scotland.

THOMAS MASTERSON, LONDON SE6.

● Stein is well covered in defence with McQueen, Burns, and Buchan — Scotland's problems have been more concerned with scoring. It looked as if Johnstone could solve that problem, but he apparently prefers to play in defence.



CLUB SPOTLIGHT

THIS is a year of great expectations for Southampton, compounded by England centre-half Dave Watson's transfer from Werder Bremen.

There has been a feeling down the years that rural clubs like Southampton, Ipswich and Norwich have been there to make up the numbers. It was nice to see them give the big city boys a run for their money, but they couldn't really expect to claim the big prizes.

Well now that Southampton and Ipswich have both won the Cup in the '70's, and Norwich are giving everyone — including Forest and Liverpool — a run for their money, a new atmosphere pervades.

That would mean them finishing in the top six, as the previous best was seventh in 1968-69 and 1970-71, and everyone at the Dell is confident it can be done.

McMenemy insists: "We have the best squad of players in the club's history. All right we've had men with more flair like Peter Osgood and Ted MacDougall in the past, we've had the great clubmen like Terry Paine and Derek Reeves, but we've never had a more talented all-round nucleus to select from."

"When we met Arsenal in the League Cup recently we played some excellent football and yet I was still able to turn round and talk to Mike Channon and Charlie

SAINTS ARE MARCHING ON

The amiable McMenemy, who could have deserted Saints for more lucrative locations like Leeds and Sunderland, grins broadly with the promise: "Clubs like ours are now in a better position than they've ever been to challenge the top clubs."

John Bond and Bobby Robson have proved that if you're well organised and care about everything from a youth policy upwards you can beat anybody. I like to think Southampton are built on the same principles and moving in the same direction."

The way Southampton have started this season suggests they are certainly on the right track and that the club may be destined for its highest ever finish in the First Division.

George sitting behind me — they weren't even in the team!"

It was this abundant optimism for the future that kept McMenemy on the South Coast.

"I received very tempting offers from both Leeds and Sunderland and in many ways I'd have liked both jobs. I certainly came within an ace of going to Leeds, but then I thought how fabulous the people at Southampton had been to me, and I decided I owed it to them — and probably to myself as well — to see the job through here."

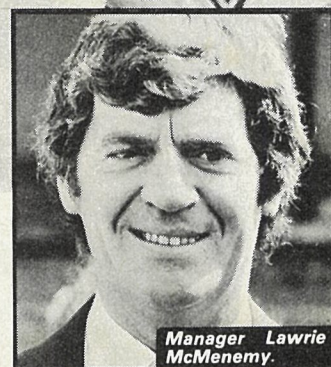
"We have made so many great strides and it has all been very exciting — and yet there is still a

long way to go. We want a new stadium, that will help, and then we must aim for a regular place in Europe and the sort of squad that help Liverpool and Manchester United stay at the top."

McMenemy is quick to point out that while Southampton have often been regarded as big spenders (instance Charlie George, Mike Channon, Phil Boyer and before them Osgood and MacDougall) the club has brought on a lot of young talent.

Indeed so much of it has come through that intensity for places has inevitably led to some like Tony Funnell (Gillingham), John

Jim Steele, Peter Osgood and Peter Rodrigues celebrate Southampton's 1976 F.A. Cup Final win against Manchester United.



Manager Lawrie McMenemy.

Sharpe (Gillingham), Forbes Philpiston-Masters (Plymouth) and Tony Sealy (Crystal Palace) seeking regular first team football elsewhere.

"We have a smashing blend now. There's Ballie shouting and screaming on the field — but always pushing and prodding, getting the best out of the younger players who need his advice — Dave Watson, the best centre-half in England, Mike Channon, it's good to have him back, and Phil Boyer, who holds the line together tremendously, forming the experienced section."

"To mix in with that we've Steve Williams, who I'm sure everyone now recognises as an England international of the near future, Trevor Hebbard, whose done a great job at full-back and centre-forward, Graham Baker — he's going to be a super player — and Austin Hayes, all fine youngsters."

To complete the cocktail, Southampton have Terry Gennoe, widely rated as the most improved goalkeeper in the First Division last season, David Peach, the top scoring full-back of all-time, Ivan Golac, one of the best of all the foreign imports, Malcolm Waldron, an underrated back-four player, Nick Holmes, an unfussy midfield player who gets ten goals a season, Manny Andruszewski, who can step into any slot at a moment's notice, and now England's top centre-half Dave Watson.

No wonder McMenemy says he's got his best squad and that Southampton feel a major trophy is now well within their grasp.



Malcolm Waldron (left) tackles Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish at The Dell recently.

SOUTH



BACK ROW (left to right): Ivan Golac, Manny Andruszewski, Terry Gennoe, Peter Wells, Chris Nicholl, Malcolm Waldron.

CENTRE ROW: Lew Chatt Williams, Graham Baker, O'Donoghue, George Ship John Mortimore (asst. man)

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erley (trainer), Steve
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England players

Which club has provided the most players to any one England team? My guess is Aston Villa.

LYNN HARPER,
BARNESLEY

● Then you'd better guess again, Lynn! If we exclude the rather different early days — when the old-time Corinthians provided all 11 players for two England games against Wales in 1894-95 — then Arsenal hold the record.

The Gunners had seven men in the team which beat Italy 3-2 in a stormy game at Highbury on 14th November, 1934.

They provided the goalkeeper (Frank Moss); both full-backs (George Male and Eddie Hapgood); the left-half (Wilf Copping); and three forwards (Ray Bowden, Ted Drake, and Cliff Bastin).

1957 results

I've found an old newspaper dated Saturday, 7th December, 1957 with the fixture-list for that day. Can you tell me how those old First Division games finished?

CHRISTINE CHRISTOPHER,
SHEPPEY

● This is how those games ended on that distant day, Christine.
Birmingham 3, Manchester Utd. 3;
Burnley 2, Arsenal 1;
Chelsea 2, Leeds 1;
Manchester City 6, Everton 2;
Newcastle 1, Bolton 2;
Nottingham Forest 2, Sunderland 0;
Portsmouth 5, Luton 0;
Preston 1, Wolves 2;
Sheffield Wed. 2, Villa 5;
Spurs 1, Leicester 4;
West Bromwich 1, Blackpool 1.

At the end of the season, Wolves were Champions — and Sunderland and Wednesday went down to Division Two.

Under Review

As a keen overseas supporter of Leeds, I'd like to know their final position in the League each season since Don Revie brought them back to the First Division.

MICHAEL CURMI,
MALTA

● Revie did the promotion trick in 1963-64, Michael, and this has been the Leeds track-record in each season since:-
2nd; 2nd; 4th; 4th; Champions; 2nd;
2nd; 2nd; 3rd; Champions; 9th; 5th;
10th; 9th; 5th.

And, although they've gone off the boil a bit in latter seasons, it's still a pretty impressive 15-season record.

Watford/Liverpool

As a keen Watford supporter, I'm told we played Liverpool twice in the 1969-70 season. Can you tell me the scores?

ANDREW HEAFFORD,
WATFORD

● The clubs were drawn together in both Cups, Andrew, with Watford at home each time.

In the Second Round of the League Cup, on 2nd September, Liverpool won 2-1 — with a rare goalkeeper's own-goal from Bert Slater, and another goal from Ian St. John, to a Keith Eddy penalty.

But in the Sixth Round of the F.A. Cup, on 21st February, Watford got their revenge when a Barry Endean goal was the only one of the game.

United's Euro trail

I'd like to know which clubs Manchester United beat to become the first English club to win the European Cup in 1968?

MARK BONNEY,
WATFORD

● United kicked-off, Mark, with a 4-0 aggregate win over the Maltese club, Hibernians — 4-0 at home; 0-0 away.

Next victims were Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) by 2-1 (0-0 away; 2-1 at home) — followed by Gornik Zabrze (Poland) by 2-1 (2-0 at home; 0-1 away).

In the Semi-Final, Real Madrid were disposed of by 4-3 — 1-0 at home; 3-3 away — and then Benfica in the Final at Wembley by 4-1 after extra-time.

SHORT PASSES

● First-ever F.A. Charity Shield match in 1908 saw Manchester United (Football League Champions) beat Q.P.R. (Southern League Champions) 4-0 in a replay after a 1-1 draw.

(SIMON WHITE, Basildon)

● Bill Shankly played in five full internationals for Scotland in the last two seasons before War broke out in 1939.

(MARK SHEA, Liverpool)

● The record gate of both Bristol clubs is for an F.A. Cup-tie against Preston — City 43,335 (16 February, 1935); and Rovers 38,472 (30 January, 1960).

(ANGUS SCOTT, Bristol)

● Dennis Clarke, for West Bromwich v. Everton in 1968, was the first sub to be used in an F.A. Cup Final.

(JOHNNY SAMRA, Nottingham)

● The only two members of England's 1966 World Cup-winning team still playing for Football League clubs are Alan Ball and Martin Peters.

(JONATHAN HEMUS,
Sutton Coldfield)

● The F.A. Cup is 19 inches high (exclusive of its ebony plinth) and weighs 175 ounces.

(COLIN ASHLEY, Stevenage)

● The first Football Pools were started as long ago as 1923.

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JEREMY Charles is a young player with a great name — and the ability to match. When Swansea City's 20-year-old centre-half was named as the first winner of the Robinson's Barley Water sponsorship for the 'Best Young Player of the Month', adjudicator Bill Shankly said: "He's the best I've seen."

The point behind that Shankly accolade was that Charles had then been a central-defender and a Second Division player for just three weeks!

This is his fourth season in football and, he has already put together this blistering record of success:

1976-77 (starting as a 16-year-old within a month of leaving school), 23-goal top scoring striker in a side which just missed promotion from the Fourth Division.

1977-78 (despite injury and illness), a powerful striker or midfield player in a side which won promotion.

1978-79 12-goal midfield driving

It was something of a surprise when Swans player-manager John Toshack switched his brilliant young player into a defensive position — but that Robinson's award showed that he knew exactly what he was doing. "To start with, he is his father's son . . . and that's not a bad beginning," says Toshack.

The significance behind that remark was that Mel Charles, although better known as a driving right-half for Swansea or courageous centre-forward for Arsenal, was a superb centre-half.

It is still by no means certain that this is the position his son will occupy for the rest of his career. Within a week of winning that 'Best Young Player' honour, he was back playing as a striker against Queens Park Rangers.

The response was typical. He flung himself around Rangers' £200,000 centre-half Bob Hazell, headed the ball at knee height and scored a goal that Uncle John — rated the greatest attacking header of them all — would have

JEREMY CHARLES KEEPS UP FAMILY TRADITION

force in yet another promotion side and adding a Wales Under-21 cap to the Schools and Youth honours he had gained earlier in his teens.

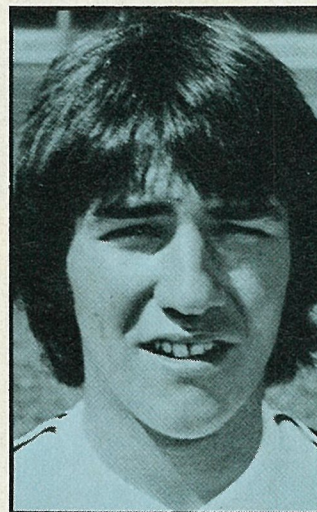
Now it is Charles, the centre-half, in a career which parallels that of his father Mel and his uncle John, and it can only be a matter of time — and not much of it at that — before Charles

continues his inevitable progress into the full Wales side.

"It will be quite a moment when that happens," says Jeremy, "but I feel that I've a lot of learning to do yet."

"If it is going to be as a centre-half, for instance, I'm a complete beginner. I couldn't believe my ears when Robinson's rang me and said I'd won their first award. It was great to hear a man such as Bill Shankly saying those things about me, especially considering that I was playing at my highest standard yet in League football and occupying a position that was new to me."

"In fact, those two points had a lot to do with it. It helped me to go into the centre half's job at Second Division level because opposing players don't come bursting through on top of you the moment the ball arrives."



been proud to call his own.

"I enjoy centre-half; but then I enjoyed scoring that goal and my midfield experience last season," he says. "Really, that is what football is all about. Playing the game at League level in any position is enjoyment. All I ask of football is to play it!"

At the moment, however, the concentration is on his centre-half

job. Terry Medwin, a former Vetch Field and Wales team-mate of his father, is back at the club as assistant-manager. He spends hours in the afternoons carefully tuning the tactical awareness of Jeremy.

"He is a 'natural' and that is the difference," says Medwin. "You can spend years coaching players into the good habits that Jeremy finds almost second nature. Having said that, however, you have to maintain standards and perfect positional sense at the same time."

"It is this we work on in the afternoons: hitting balls to him from all parts of the pitch and improving his ability to clear quickly and accurately from any spot around his own goal."

No wonder several First Division clubs have expressed an interest in Charles the Younger.

ASK the average football fan to name an outstanding young player at Norwich and the chances are he will say Kevin Reeves.

Understandable that. After all Reeves is established in the England Under-21 side and Norwich did turn down a £1 million offer for him from Manchester City.

But there's another Kevin making steady, if not spectacular progress at Carrow Road. And that's Kevin Bond, son of Canaries manager John.

Kevin, 22, is coming along by leaps and bounds — earning a reputation throughout the game as a lad who can really play.

It has not always been like that. In fact when he first came into the side, two years ago, the fans were openly hostile to him, seizing on every mistake he made to give a terrible time.

That treatment would have been enough to destroy many youngsters. Not Kevin Bond. He accepted that, as the boss's son — he was going to be a prime target and got on with the job of winning those fans over.

This he has done so well he is now a firm favourite with the Norwich patrons.

Kevin, big, strong and probably the cleanest kicker of a dead ball in the First Division, has no complaints about the reception he got during his early days in the side.

"They gave me stick — and a lot of the time they had every right to. It was not easy at the time, for being the gaffer's son I felt I had to play ten per cent better than anyone else to justify my place," he says.

"But I don't have to do that any more. I know I'm in the side on merit and know I'm playing well.



"I don't get any special treatment from my Dad — and don't expect any.

"We travel in our own cars to the training ground every morning and if he has any cause to ruck me he does not shirk from it.

"I'm just one of the players while we are at the club or travelling for matches. He's only my Dad when we get home at night."

If it was not easy for Kevin to come into the Norwich first team it was even more difficult for John to decide to put him there.

The fact that his son was involved caused John to

hesitate longer than he needed to have done. And it was assistant manager Ken Brown, who finally persuaded him the time was right to give Kevin his chance.

"I obviously had to make doubly sure before putting Kevin in, because it could have affected

A Chip off the Old Bond



Kevin Bond relaxing away from Carrow Road on the steps of the family house with father and Norwich boss John Bond and his mother Janet.

morale in the dressing room if the other players suspected he was being favoured," explained John.

"I thought he was good enough to go in for some weeks before I finally chose him. But when Ken Brown said the time was right, that was it.

"It was not easy for the lad. He was immature, inexperienced and not as strong as he is now.

"The crowd got on his back — mine as well for that matter — when he first appeared. But he did not let it get him down and has come through it well.

"He's looking a real class player this season — and I'm delighted for him.

"He's been a good lad all his life and if anyone deserves to get on he does."

Kevin has certainly worked hard to establish himself in the First Division and is doing more than most as Norwich made their best ever start to a season.

And he had a cruel stroke of luck in the 2-1 win over Leeds on the second Saturday of the new campaign.

Kevin scored both The Canaries' goals that day, one with a raging 40 yarder that went past David Harvey like a shell.

It was the hardest shot our reporter had ever seen in his life and if the television cameras had been there to record it, Kevin would have been a strong candidate to win the Goal-of-the-Season award.

The fact they were not won't bother Kevin Bond. He has never been one to go looking for self-glory.

He would be far happier to share in any glory the Norwich side may earn this year. And it would be nice to think this friendly, well-run club could get among the honours.

ISRAELI midfielder star Avi Cohen could hardly believe it when he learned that Liverpool wanted to sign him.

He says: "To think that the English League Champions wanted to sign an amateur player from Israel came as a big surprise."

But Cohen wasn't too dumbfounded to say yes when Anfield boss Bob Paisley asked him if he wanted to join them.

Now the youngster is adjusting to life in the First Division. And he couldn't have had a tougher League debut — coming in for the game against Leeds at Elland Road.

He only got his place, though because of injuries, and he knows he will have to wait to

It's how you perform on the park that counts.

He knows, too, that he represents just one more option to Paisley in a club bristling with Internationals.

"Ray Kennedy, Terry McDermott, Jimmy Case and Graeme Souness are all excellent midfield players and I realise it will not be easy to displace any of them."

But he's prepared to work for his place. "I'm happy with the way I'm settling in. There are a lot of skilful players here and that helps me to play better."

"I've just got to keep working at my football and soon, I hope to be a regular member of the team."

THEY'RE JUST WILD ABOUT AVI!

establish himself as a regular in the team.

Says Cohen: "It's a big change for me just being a professional footballer. Maccabi, my team in Israel, were only amateurs and we trained four times a week — always in the afternoons."

"In England, of course, teams train in the mornings, and it's much tougher than the training I'm used to."

"Football in England is tougher and quicker. I was just getting used to the pace in the reserves when I got my first team chance."

"That was hard. It was fast and I found I had to do a lot of running. In the reserves, you can sometimes stop to catch your breath. But in Division One, you can never afford to stand still."

'Popular'

Even though he is a newcomer to Anfield, Cohen already feels a part of the scene.

"I was always popular with the fans in Israel and the supporters at Liverpool chant my name which makes me feel good."

"All the players have made me feel at home, too. They are a very friendly club."

The crowds at Liverpool are almost four times what Cohen was used to at Maccabi. They usually got around 15,000 supporters in their 20,000 capacity stadium.

"The fans are very good at Liverpool and they are obviously a great help to the team."

Cohen knows that at Liverpool, reputation doesn't mean much.



THE reason for Liverpool's indifferent start to the season is the biggest bugbear in football — injuries. Rarely have all the 11 first choice players been fit for selection, and it's a tribute to the strength of our squad that we have accumulated some good results.

Our present squad is as skilful and balanced as any in my career at Anfield, and contrary to some reports there's no feeling amongst the management we're in dire need of signing any replacements.

The essential thing now is to weather our difficult patch and keep going until things come together again and the injury jinx switches to some other club.

Several readers, including young Teresa Preston, of Prescott, Merseyside, have written to me asking for information about my team-mates — so here goes with my line-up of the Liverpool lads.

Where better to start than the back-four, and with Phil Neal my room-mate at club level. When we're with the England party we split and I share with my biggest rival, and great friend, Peter Shilton.

Phil is tremendously conscientious, always thinking about the game and striving for improvement. He'll never deceive himself, or anyone else, about his performance. If he thinks he's played badly, or is to blame for some blunder, he'll admit it.

Quiet, easy going, with no desire to be the centre of attraction — that's Phil.

Amongst his assets is the ability to go forward and lend his weight to the attack; something he specialised in at his previous club, Northampton.

He does so, knowing he'll be

covered by either Phil Thompson or Jimmy Case.

Until midway through last season, Phil was the club's penalty-taker, but handed over the task to Terry McDermott when he felt that too much exposure on TV had betrayed his technique to 'keepers.

Phil's partner on the opposite side of the back-four is Alan Kennedy, now settling in after his move from Newcastle in August, 1978.

It's taken Alan some time to adjust to our style of play. At Newcastle he was used to pumping long balls up to his forwards, whereas we prefer to work the ball up from the back in stages.

Like Phil, Alan loves to attack. In fact, it was a tendency we had to curb in him because opponents at times took advantage of the open space he left.

Alan is so good-hearted he'll do just about anything for anybody. He's always bringing balls and photos into the dressing-room for us to sign. The other week he arrived with dozens of coloured team group photos for a coach-load of visitors from the North-East.

Whenever we need an extra man in midfield during a match, the

boss, Bob Paisley, will push in Alan.

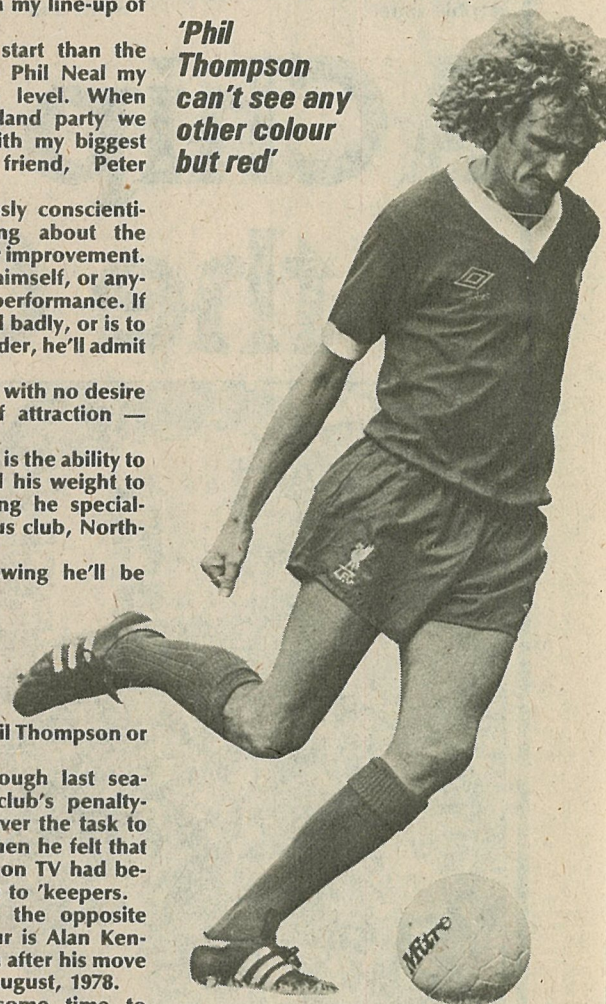
In the number four shirt is our skipper, Phil Thompson, who is Liverpool-born and worked his way up through the ranks, from school-boy, apprentice, reserve and now first team regular.

Phil's progress is real story-book stuff. Once he stood amongst our most fanatical supporters, on the famous Kop, where his brothers still go despite the fact that he can supply them with stand tickets.

Phil is a fanatic; I'd swear if you cut him in half you'd find the word "Liverpool" running through him like the lettering in seaside rock. And he can't recognise any other colour but red!

For a back-four player, he has remarkable skill. At times he may look awkward going into a tackle with his long, spindly legs whirling,

'Phil Thompson can't see any other colour but red'



but invariably he'll come out with the ball — and without injuring his opponent.

Phil is not a "hard" man. In fact, we don't have anyone in the squad who qualifies for that tag.

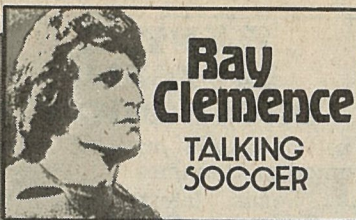
Alan Hansen is first choice to play alongside Phil. Alan came from Scottish club Partick Thistle, and settled in remarkably quickly by our standards.

At first he tended to dribble too much with the ball, and this almost brought on a few heart attacks when he was caught in possession and robbed. But he's learnt to use this skill in moderation, and to give the ball a good, old-fashioned big kick when it's called for.

Alan is keen on horse-racing, like



Alan Hansen (centre) settled in remarkably well at Anfield.



Ray Clemence
TALKING
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'LIVERPOOL'S STRONG SQUAD...'

Terry McDermott and Dave Johnson, his two closest friends.

I'm told he's a great all-rounder, having represented his country at golf, squash and basketball.

Now for our midfield, the so-called engine-room of the side. On the right is Jimmy Case, so quiet off the field you'd hardly know he's around. But out on the pitch he's transformed, constantly shouting for the ball and asserting himself in every way.

Jimmy has such a mighty shot that if he ever lets fly in training I just get out of the way — fast.

Jimmy has the ability to drop back in a few years' time, when the demands in midfield prove too heavy, into the back-four. He's played full-back in front of me a few times when injuries have forced the switch, and no one has got past him yet.

Every team needs a joker in the pack — and ours is Terry McDermott, whose irrepressible sense of humour livens up the dressing-room.

"Match of the Day" on TV have used a shot of him winking mischievously in their introduction to the programme.

Terry, now playing his best foot-

ball since arriving from Newcastle, has already scored more goals than last season, and was exceptional in England's 1-0 win over Denmark at Wembley.

He's superb at getting into the right position and finishing off a move.

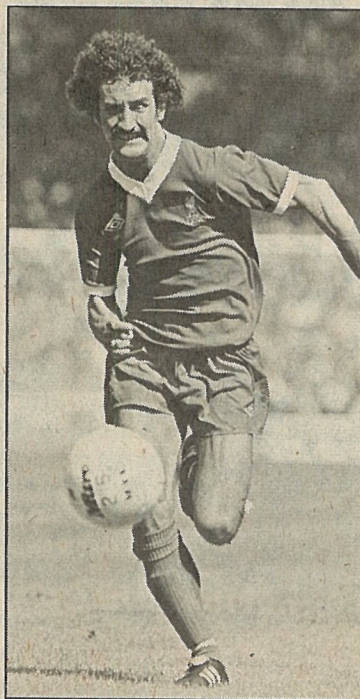
Graeme Souness is the aristocrat of our side, always well groomed without a hair out of place, wears the latest gear, and plays in a stylish, disciplined fashion.

He can strike a ball with perfect precision over ten or 40 yards, but he's one of the worst headers in the game, as he'll admit.

Ray Kennedy is a rare asset — a naturally left-footed player who operates on the left. The loss of Ray through injury for several games unbalanced the team, and many people who took him for granted now recognise how valuable he is to Liverpool.

Ray is a difficult player to rob of the ball, has a powerful shot, and is especially dangerous at the far post with his headers.

Up-front Dave Johnson doesn't get the praise he deserves for his non-stop running from first whistle to last, his fearlessness in the penalty box and deadly heading ability.



'Terry McDermott is the joker in our pack'

Dave has scored many important goals, including one against the Russian club Dinamo Tbilisi, in the European Cup game at Anfield in September.

Dave is horse racing crazy. Every morning you'll find him studying the racing pages in the newspapers: in the dressing-rooms at Anfield and Melwood, our training ground, and even on the coach journeys to and from our games.

Last but by no means least of the recognised first teamers, is Kenny Dalglish, for whom new superlatives need to be coined. If Trevor Francis is worth a million pounds, and I don't doubt it, I wonder what fantastic price could be placed on Kenny's head.

Although he's not scoring at the same rate as last season, he's making chances for team-mates, following our maxim that it's unimportant who puts the ball in the net.

Kenny is a great practical joker and can keep a straight face when he's kidding you along. His Scots accent is so broad that when he talks fast I can't understand him.

Now for our reserves in the squad, the men who are regarded as the regulars of tomorrow.

There's Colin Irwin, who stands in for Alan Hansen, and has never let the team down. Colin is an electrician, a qualification he picked up while a part-timer.

Marking

Sammy Lee is a lad I feel particularly sorry for because he's a mid-fielder and it's very hard to break into the department. Sammy has played only one full game — against Southampton last season — and did such a good job of marking Alan Ball that Saints' captain didn't get a kick.

Avi Cohen from Israel is a fine investment for the future, and on his own admission lacks the stamina necessary for the First Division. However, once he's acquired it, he'll do well.

Davey Fairclough is such an individualist he finds it difficult to fit into our system, and is used as a sort of secret weapon. Invariably he'll come on as sub. with the freedom to play as he likes.

Steve Heighway has given unstinting service, and the main reason he's often out of the side is simply because we're now playing with only two men up-front.

There are encouraging reports on Frank McGarvey, recruited from St. Mirren, who is scoring for our Central League side. Like Avi, another investment sure to pay off.

This Saturday we visit Maine Road to play Manchester City, a side full of new faces and in the process of developing team-work.

We'll be going flat out for both points to close the gap on Forest, the team I still regard as our biggest threat to the Championship.

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'Bad Boy' Hamilton wants to become . . .

JOHNNY-BE-GOOD

JOHNNY HAMILTON has a rare distinction . . . his last three clubs have given him a free transfer, but his current manager rates him one of the most skilful players in Scotland!

Hamilton, now with St. Johnstone, has never been far away from controversy in his up-and-down soccer life. He helped Rangers to win the League Cup after a mighty battle with Celtic two years ago . . . and was freed a few months later.

But let's start at the beginning. Hamilton, Glasgow-born and bred, fought his way into Hibs team in the late '60's. The competition was stiff with players such as Peter Marinello, Peter Cormack and Alex Cropley around, but Hamilton still managed to get a place most weeks.

He took the eye after some stirring performances, particularly a League match against Celtic at Parkhead.

Silenced

Celtic scored first in that game and near the end Stanton equalised with a shot of ferocious power. There were only minutes remaining when the Celtic fans were silenced with a golden goal from Hamilton.

He joined his attack in a swift breakaway, picked up a loose ball on the edge of the penalty-area and stroked a shot of immaculate precision away from diving goalkeeper John Fallon.

However, things weren't so sweet for Hamilton at Easter Road. He picked up a 'bad boy' tag and was eventually given a free transfer by Eddie Turnbull.

Rangers manager Jock Wallace amazed everyone by offering Hamilton a place at Ibrox. The player did not hesitate!

"Yes, I had some good times at

Ibrox," says Hamilton. "It was great to be involved in the big-time atmosphere with a glamour club. It was an experience I'm glad I didn't miss."

Hamilton played a vital role in the 3-1 Scottish Cup Final success over Hearts four years ago. He worked hard in the middle of the park, and with just a shade of luck, he would have grabbed a goal in Scotland's showpiece match and put his name in the history books.

Rangers were leading 1-0 through a first minute goal from Derek Johnstone when Hamilton, magnificently positioned, got round the Tynecastle back-four on to a through ball and then lobbed a delicate shot over the head of the outrushing Jim Cruickshank.

It looked a goal all the way, but the ball carried just wide of the upright as Hamilton held his head in disbelief. The tears turned to triumph, however, when he picked up his well-merited winner's medal.

Strangely, he never pinned down a permanent first team spot at Ibrox although he rarely disappointed when he was selected. Two seasons ago the Hamilton-Rangers honeymoon came to an end when he was surprisingly freed by ex-boss Jock Wallace.

Hamilton took his playmaking skills to Millwall, but his stay there was brief and hardly spectacular.

"When he wanted back to Scotland we were the team who gave him his chance," says St. Johnstone's astute manager Alex Stuart. "I knew 'Hammy' had an of-the-field reputation in the past, but I had no qualms about signing him."

"The move has certainly paid off. He's easily the outstanding mid-field player in the First Division."

Hamilton is starting his career again . . . for the fourth time. He is determined to prove everyone that he is far from being a reject.

After all the bad publicity in the past he at last wants to become Johnny-Be-Good!



'I'm not a soccer sinner'

insists **PAUL MILLER** of Spurs



Paul Miller clears from Coventry's Tommy English.

PAUL Miller strongly resents his image as one of football's hatchet men.

'Killer Miller' was how one newspaper recently portrayed Tottenham's promising 20-year-old centre-half. And he is very angry about it.

"Because I come from the East End of London — an area where you learn to look after yourself early — I was made out to be some sort of villain," he says.

"It's just not true — and I'm concerned about the picture of me that has been painted."

Miller can do without that as he bids to establish himself in a business that is tough enough anyway.

Manager Keith Burkinshaw called him up after a run of three successive defeats — and Spurs immediately began to look more solid.

Miller actually made his debut against Arsenal — the team he supported as a boy — last April.

But when this season started he was replaced by Terry Yorath, £375,000 buy from Coventry in the summer.

Miller could have been forgiven for thinking there was no future for him at White Hart Lane after that signing.

But instead of storming in to demand a transfer he told Burkinshaw he was determined to stay and fight for his place.

It did not take him long to win that fight. His return to the side coincided with Tottenham's first win of the season — 2-1 against Manchester United in the League Cup — and the future is looking bright for him now.

It has not always been that way. He has had more than his share of ups and downs since joining Spurs

as a 14-year-old schoolboy and it is incredible that he ever joined them.

Several clubs were chasing him as the time came to leave school and he narrowed it down to a choice between his beloved Arsenal — and Tottenham.

"In view of the way I felt about the Arsenal it seemed little more than a formality that I would sign for them," he said.

"But Terry Neill, then in charge at Tottenham, proved a very persuasive talker and convinced me that White Hart Lane was the place to go."

It's ironic that Neill should later move across to become manager of Arsenal. If he had been there all along Paul would have become a Gunner like a shot.

But he might have found his chances more limited there — with the brilliant David O'Leary occupying the number five shirt.

It's been difficult enough for him at Tottenham and he did not really start to flourish until having a spell in Norway in the summer of 1978.

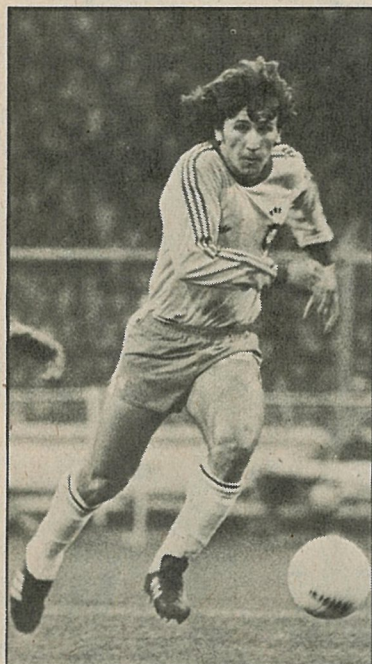
"I went over to play for Skeid, Oslo, helped them to finish fourth in the League and qualify for this season's U.E.F.A. Cup — in which they were knocked out by Ipswich."

That determined streak enabled Miller to return to Spurs and battle away to make a name for himself when everything seemed to be going against him.

His perseverance has paid off and he has unquestionably won the first big battle.

He is still some way off winning the war — but with his attitude and burning desire to do well we would not put money on anyone to stop him.

ZICO FOR EUROPE?

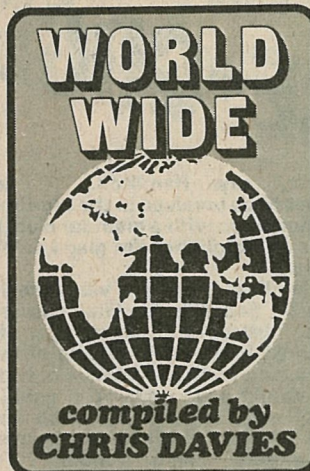


It seems almost certain that Flamengo won't have Brazilian midfielder Zico, their biggest star, for much longer. First, the Italian clubs, headed by Milan and Internazionale, let it be known that they are interested in Zico as soon as the ban on foreign players is lifted. And now Atlético Madrid, from Spain, are willing to pay Flamengo a sum as yet undisclosed to have the player.

For openers, the Flamengo directors are saying that they would not be moved by anything less than three million dollars — the money that the Italian clubs were apparently willing to pay.

Some of the directors even say that no money in the world could buy him. But this just sounds like a lot of bravado, for it is well known that Flamengo have many outstanding debts and that Zico himself wants to go.

He knows that, whereas he can consider himself comfortable now, he would be rich after two or three years in Europe. He has also confided to friends that he would like to give his children the opportunity to grow up in Europe.



LUQUE for sale? River Plate seem to have found a substitute for the 30-year-old World Cup striker in the shape of Ramon Diaz, the 20-year-old who was top scorer in the World Youth Championship in Tokyo with eight goals in six matches.

Argentina manager Cesar Luis Menotti says of him: "We worked with Diaz just as we did with Luque before the 1978 World Cup — we put a European-style stopper on him all the time and made him work hard. He responded well, has good changes of direction and pace, and he has more options open to him in the area than Luque. He's got a tremendous future."

The River Plate directors have taken note of Menotti's prediction, and they're likely to transfer Luque while he still commands a good fee.

REF BANNED?

IT looks as if the authorities in France are operating an unofficial ban on referee Jean-Marie Meeus. He was in charge of the Paris St Germain First Division match against Sochaux when Joao Alves, the Portuguese star, was seriously injured.

The referee did not even give a free-kick for what most people considered a very serious foul. The following week M. Meeus was to have had a game but a late switch was made and since that game on 10th August he has not been appointed to officiate!

IN Chile most clubs are still in dire financial trouble, as gates continue at disappointing levels. The country's best-supported club, Colo Colo, now report that they're £1,500,000 in debt and have little hope of paying off a loan the government made them back in 1976. Colo Colo blame high wages demanded by players for their difficulties and most other clubs agree.

So much so that provincial side Nublense have announced that, after only two years in the First Division, they've lost so much money that their only solution is to sell their entire squad of professionals and revert to being an amateur team.

JUVENTUD La Palma, newcomers to the Peruvian Professional League this year, promised to be nobody's scapegoats at the beginning of the season. In fact they've proved to be a little too tough. In their first 15 games nine of their players have been sent-off!

THE São Bento club directors have lost their faith in religion. The Brazilian team were doing badly, so they requested the Bishop to bless the players. This was done, but to no avail — they lost their next four games. So, the directors decided that a little practical help was also needed. Four new players have been signed . . .



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GREY MOUSE!

That's what they're calling KEVIN KEEGAN

It now seems inevitable that Kevin Keegan will leave Hamburger SV at the end of the season. He will decide later in the year about his future, but few people in Germany expect the 28-year-old England star to stay on next season.

Life just isn't the same for Kevin this season and the man they nicknamed Mighty Mouse is now called Grey Mouse.

The fans in HSV's Volkspark Stadium don't cheer him as they did last season when K.K. was in world-class form. The cheers are still there — only quieter. The chants of "Kevin... Kevin" are unusual these days.

The goals seem to have dried up for Keegan and he couldn't even score when HSV played an amateur side in the German Cup. "Soon, soon," says the Englishman, but he isn't saying as much as he used to.

The rumour in Hamburg is that Kevin will play in the Opera League next year — that's the name given to the North American Soccer League by the Germans.

A recent visitor to Keegan's house was Horst Bertl, a former HSV star, who has played in the U.S.A. and apparently Kevin

was very impressed by what Bertl had to say.

Keegan realises that whatever he is earning in Europe, he could probably double on the other side of the Atlantic. How much K.K. earns right now is a matter of speculation, but a West German newspaper reported that he has companies in Great Britain, the Isle of Man, U.S.A., West Germany, Bahamas and Liechtenstein. "Europe's Footballer of the Year has as many managers as trainers," they say...

The problem is that Keegan has been carrying an injury this season and has not been producing the goods by the standards he, himself, has set. Fans, though, are not always understanding, even towards a superstar. In the Bundesliga, a tough, competitive League, a player can't be anything less than 100 per cent at all times.

It may even be later this month when Keegan decides on his future as "I'll be with my mum in England for Christmas."

He announced that he was leaving Liverpool well in advance, and may do the same this time.

The guessing games are under way. Watch this space for developments.

SPANISH referees have again been at the centre of bitter controversy recently, as bad mistakes have been having a decisive influence on several results.

A case in point occurred during Malaga's 2-1 home win against Sevilla, when the local right-winger floated a cross to the near post. Sevilla goalkeeper Paco punched the ball clear and referee De Sossa, 40 yards away, gave a goal!

T.V. film proved conclusively that the ball hadn't gone within a yard of the goal line, but De Sossa's atrocious mistake converted a 1-1 draw into a win for the home team.

Meanwhile, referee Gallardo came within an ace of making another bad mistake in the Burgos — Atlético Madrid match which ended as a 1-1 draw.

Atlético's 'keeper, Aguinaga, took a free-kick in his own penalty-area; the ball struck the referee... and bounced into the net!

Gallardo immediately signalled a goal and only changed his mind after fierce protests from the Atlético players.

The Spanish Press has understandably made some acrid comments about referees who don't know the rules of the game...

There's yet another refereeing scandal where an official was beaten up by two colleagues after criticising the way his branch of the Referee's Association was being run. The offending official is now threatening to retaliate against his rough treatment by making sensational revelations to the Press about bribes accepted by various colleagues.

This is what's known as blowing the whistle on your friends!

QUE?

AFTER almost a year in the United States, playing for Cosmos, full-back Francisco Marinho hasn't yet learned to speak English. Not a man to concede defeat easily, Marinho has resorted to... speaking Portuguese with an American accent! In this way, he found that he can communicate quite well with a friend of his, an American called Harry Stone, who has been living in Brazil for 20 years.

"LES VERTS" BREAK GATES RECORDS

IN France, new-look Saint-Etienne, reinforced with signings Johnny Rep (below) and Michel Platini, are undoubtedly the League's top crowd-pullers. They're averaging a healthy 32,000 at home and seem to be breaking records at most of the grounds they visit.

Humble Laval, for example, gleefully announced that a record 20,849 fans had paid 534,989 francs for the privilege of watching star-studded St-Etienne.

Interesting that the average price for spectators is just under £3.00...



LIVERPOOL'S CONQUERORS CRASH

RUSSIAN Champions and current Cup holders, Dinamo Tbilisi, were unexpectedly beaten 2-1 at Tashkent by Pachtakor and knocked off top place in the table. The Pachtakor side are made up of young reserves and players they could borrow from other clubs following the

loss of their 17-man first team squad in an air crash. Pachtakor apparently deserved to win, too, and the winning goal was a fine one, scored by 19-year-old Youth international Necajev, who was on loan from Cernomorec Odessa and had never played in the First Division before.

News flashes

A university research group in Bogotá has frightened the Colombian authorities by estimating that it will cost the country at least £175,000,000 to stage the 1986 World Cup.

River Plate and Argentina goalkeeper Pato Fillol (below) has bought a £35,000 apartment overlooking Rio de Janeiro's famous Ipanema beach.



In the World University Football Championship held in Mexico, 125 yellow cards were handed out, while no less than 28 players were sent-off.

River Plate's left-winger Oscar Ortiz is now back in action after a four-month lay-off. The 26-year-old Argentinian World Cup winger suffered a mysterious illness while travelling back from Argentina's tour match against Scotland. He apparently suffered brain damage and was unable to speak properly for several weeks.

Georg Schwarzenbeck (right), stopper in the Bayern team that dominated the European Cup from 1974-76, is now 31 and suffering from Achilles tendon trouble. He will have two months with his leg in plaster before the doctors advise him whether he can play again or not.



After a study of statistics the French national team would like to play all future matches in September! They've discovered that of the 11 games played during this month of the year they've won eight, drawn three... and never been beaten! By contrast, they've lost seven of the 11 matches they've played in October and they've never won a match in December!

Bordeaux midfielder Alain Giresse had the misfortune to score both goals during his team's 1-1 home draw with Lille. He gave his side the lead two minutes after half-time, but then equalised for the visitors with an own goal 13 minutes from time. He then hit the post in the last minute!

Six members of Spanish Second Division side, Pontevedra, had to go to hospital after blundering into a wasps' nest during a cross-country run. Presumably they were trying to put more sting into their attack!

The Spanish Cup match between Real Unión of Irán and Deportivo Alavés was recently postponed because it clashed with a performance by Spain's striptease queen Susana Estrada!

Jürgen Rynio, goalkeeper of Bundesliga II Hanover '96, went upfield in a friendly and headed a goal from a corner kick.

To encourage football fans to save petrol, the Turin City Council, who own the Stadio Comunale, announced that at the first games of the season, Juventus v Bologna and Torino v Ascoli, the first 250 fans who arrive on bicycles will be admitted free.

William Hartwig of Hamburger SV was substituted by coach Branko Zebec in their Bundesliga game against Duisberg and clearly did not like it. He went on radio after the match, criticising Zebec, and for that the 24-year-old was fined £500 by HSV manager Günter Netzer.

Miljan Miljanic (right), now in charge of Yugoslavia's national team again, has made an important find. Inside-forward Dusan Susic scored a hat-trick in the 4-1 win against Italy in the Spring, and got another three in the recent 4-2 win over touring Argentina.



The longest game of football ever staged has been played in Ljubljana (Yugoslavia). A team from Gorizia in Italy met a local team of Slavs of Italian descent and with each team allowed to use 36 players the game went on for 101 hours. The final score in favour of Gorizia was: 1,286 to 731.

During an amateur match at Enschede (Holland) one player was struck by lightning and killed while four others were badly burned and taken to hospital.

Borussia Dortmund have "adopted" a family of Vietnamese refugees, a couple with six children. The club is to buy them a house and furnish it, provide a German-Vietnamese teacher, and find a job for the head of the family.

1982 WORLD CUP DRAW

PREDICTING soccer is a hazardous business at the best of times. Trying to guess how many British teams will reach the 1982 World Cup Finals is still not easy, even after the draw in Zurich.

The qualifying ties don't start until next season and in football a season is a long time. The draw does appear to have been fair and, as predicted in SHOOT, there was another Home pairing — this time Scotland and Northern Ireland.

If the seedings are correct, the following European countries will be in Spain: West Germany, Austria, Holland, France, Czechoslovakia, USSR, England, Hungary, Italy, Yugoslavia, Scotland, Sweden and Poland.

It's a safe bet there will be one or two surprises. West Germany and Austria look safe enough in Group One. Bulgaria are in the doldrums;

GROUP ONE (two qualifiers): West Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Albania.

GROUP TWO (two qualifiers): Holland, France, Belgium, Rep of Ireland, Cyprus.

GROUP THREE (two qualifiers): Czechoslovakia, USSR, Wales, Turkey, Iceland.

GROUP FOUR (two qualifiers): England, Hungary, Switzerland, Rumania, Norway.

GROUP FIVE (two qualifiers): Italy, Yugoslavia, Greece, Denmark, Luxembourg.

GROUP SIX (two qualifiers): Scotland, Sweden, Portugal, Northern Ireland (and possibly Israel, UEFA to decide).

GROUP SEVEN (one qualifier): Poland, East Germany, Malta.



Three British teams in Spain?

away, with others falling behind. Perhaps the USSR will at last make the impact their population promises.

The 1982 World Cup draw has been made; now, it will be forgotten for a while. Even so, the prospect of England, Scotland and Wales in Spain is far from being unrealistic.



England were held to a goalless draw by Switzerland at Wembley in Ron Greenwood's first game in charge. Here Ray Kennedy goes close.

England is that opponents raise their game at Wembley and Ron Greenwood won't need reminding that his first game in charge of England was against Switzerland at home ... which ended 0-0.

Yugoslavia, under Miljan Miljanic again, are on the way up, having beaten Italy, Argentina and Spain (away) this season. The Slavs won't fear Italy and despite the emergence of Greece, Group Five should go as seeded.

Scotland have heard this before: "What a draw!" Jock Stein won't be fooled by the seemingly kind group his side are in. Sweden are on the way down and even a first visit to Belfast for a decade shouldn't stop the Scots and Portugal reaching Spain.

Strangely, the smallest group could be the most competitive. There is little to choose between Poland and East Germany. Even at this stage, it's odds-on that goal-difference will be the deciding factor here.

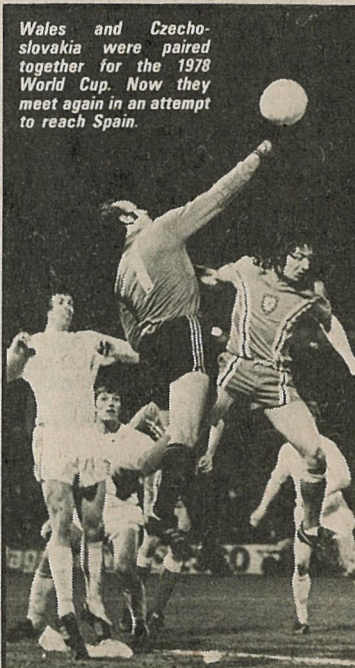
On the face of it, three British teams stand a good chance of qualifying, with Wales having the most difficult task.

England's most immediate aim is the 1980 European Championship. It looks as if Ron Greenwood is going to stick by his "traditional" line-up until Italy, but after that he will surely phase out some of the older players to give the emerging Ken Sansom, Kevin Reeves or Glenn Hoddle an opportunity.

There has been a levelling off of standards in Europe, with the top teams — Holland and West Germany — not replacing their world-class stars. Italy will probably win the European Championship by virtue of having a very good team and home advantage.

There are quite a few teams who are "sub top" standard — Austria, England, Scotland, France, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Portugal ... it's hard to separate these countries.

By 1980/81 one or two may pull



Wales and Czechoslovakia were paired together for the 1978 World Cup. Now they meet again in an attempt to reach Spain.

Finland could be a problem in Helsinki, while a trip to Albania is never easy. Even so, it's difficult to see the favourites slipping up.

Johnny Giles' Republic of Ireland have a tough task in Group Two. Holland aren't the team they were; France flatter to deceive and Belgium seem to draw nearly all their games. This section could be tight, but the Republic's away form must improve. Belgium, with a new young team, may cause an upset.

Wales' chances weren't helped by being rated as a "third-rate" by FIFA in the draw. However, they defeated Czechoslovakia in Wrexham last time, and the USSR haven't been able to beat Greece or Finland recently. The trips to Iceland and Turkey won't be easy, but it would be wrong to write-off Mike Smith's boys.

England could certainly have had a harder draw. It isn't easy, but it could have been worse. Rumania and Norway have never beaten them and it's 32 years since a Swiss victory. Hungary haven't advanced as they were expected to two years ago; the danger for

BEST OF THE DRAW

SOUTH AMERICA

Group One: Brazil, Bolivia, Venezuela. **Group Two:** Colombia, Peru, Uruguay. **Group Three:** Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Argentina as the World Cup holders qualify automatically.

ASIA-OCEANIA

Group One: Indonesia, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Taiwan. **Group Two:** Iraq, Syria, Bahrain, Qatar, Saudi Arabia. **Group Three:** Kuwait, Iran, Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea. **Group Four:** Hong Kong, Macao, China, North Korea, Japan, Singapore.

NORTH-CENTRAL AMERICA

Northern Zone: Canada, United States, Mexico. **Central Zone:** Panama, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras.

CARIBBEAN ZONE

Preliminary Match: Grenada v. Guyana. **Group A:** Cuba, Surinam, and winner of Grenada v. Guyana. **Group B:** Haiti, Trinidad, Netherlands Antilles.

AFRICA

Four teams have byes into second round; Central Africa, Sudan, Liberia, Togo.

First Round: Senegal v. Morocco, Zaire v. Mozambique, Cameroun v. Malawi, Guinea v. Lesotho, Tunisia v. Nigeria, Libya v. Zambia, Ethiopia v. Zambia, Niger v. Somalia, Sierra Leone v. Algeria, Ghana v. Egypt, Kenya v. Tanzania, Uganda v. Madagascar.

'Another tough tie for Rangers'

AT the time of writing I do not know the result of our first-leg European Cup Winners' Cup-tie against Valencia in Spain on Wednesday (Oct 24).

I am hoping we have done well because we are building a great reputation in Europe at the moment with our displays over the past two seasons. I'm really looking forward to our second-leg match against the Spaniards at Ibrox on Wednesday, November 7.

Last season we started our attack on the European Cup with a match against Italian Champions Juventus. We beat them 2-1 on aggregate... and then drew the impressive PSV Eindhoven, the Dutch kings.

After drawing 0-0 at Ibrox we won 3-2 in Holland to give PSV their first-ever defeat on their own soil in European competition. Alas, we went out of the Quarter-Finals on a 2-1 aggregate to the West German Champions Cologne, the biggest disappointment in my career.

That is why we are so determined to do well in the Cup Winners' Cup this time out.

Still the luck of the draw wasn't with us and we were drawn in the Preliminary Round against Lillestrom, of Norway.

Anyway, we beat them 1-0 with a goal from Gordon Smith and in the second-leg we played a containing game with swift breaks and managed to win 2-0 with goals from Alex MacDonald and yours truly.

That took us into the First Round

proper and no one at Ibrox was surprised to hear we had drawn Fortuna Dusseldorf, who, of course, were just pipped in the Final of the same competition by Barcelona last year.

We didn't have to go far to spy on our opponents. Luckily, Gordon Smith had video-taped their match against Barcelona and we had the opportunity to see them with the pressure on.

Fortuna impressed me greatly against us. They are a typical, efficient West German side with a lot of thought in their play and also a lot of energy and stamina.

We beat them 2-1 at Ibrox and faced a hectic 90 minutes in West Germany. That game was a real triumph of tactics for our gaffer, John Greig. He spent quite a bit of time with us going over the Fortuna team and how they would play against us.

You know, Mr Greig was incredibly accurate in his summing up. Just about everything he said would happen and how they would play did, in fact, occur.

There was little point of just erecting a barrier along our 18-yard line against a side like Fortuna. That is just asking for trouble. John Greig went through our own tactics carefully and I must admit I was slightly surprised

but he has been playing extremely well this season. He collided with Sandy Jardine in pulling off an incredible first-half save and his right eye went up like a balloon. I'll let you into a dressing room secret. Mr Greig wanted to pull-off Peter during half-time when he saw the extent of the damage. Our 'keeper could hardly see, but he told Mr Greig that he would continue. And what a game he had.

The damage to Peter's eye was



Peter McCloy after his collision with Sandy Jardine in Dusseldorf.

when he told me I would be playing in midfield.

I've played there before, of course, but I hadn't played there this season. I was given a specific role against the West Germans and delighted to say it came off a treat.

Great credit, too, must go to our 'keeper Peter McCloy. He was absolutely magnificent against the West Germans.

I know big Peter has his critics,

so bad that he was doubtful for our match the following Saturday against Dundee United. He persuaded the boss to let him play... and again he was a hero.

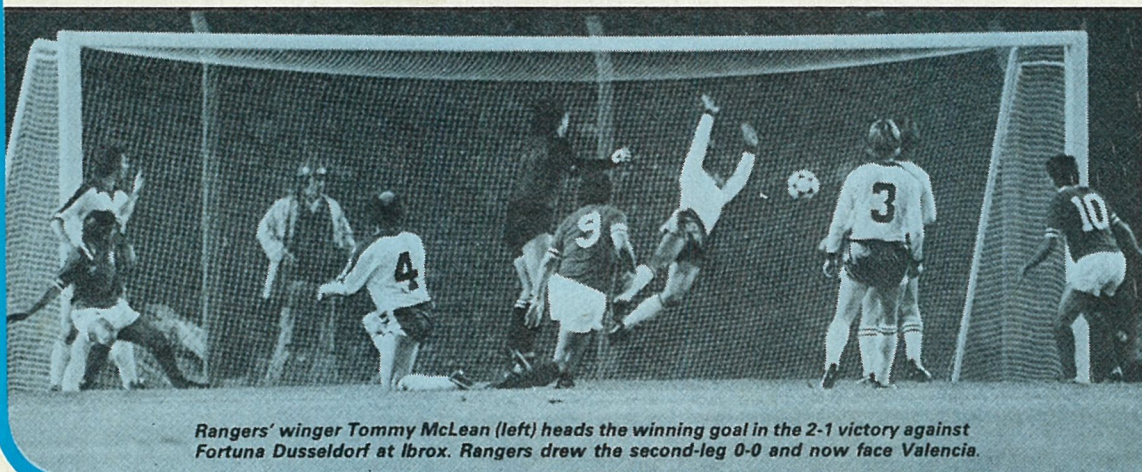
I'd better put in a quick word about Saturday's match against Celtic at Parkhead. This will be our third meeting with them this season. We won 3-1 in the Drybrough Cup Final at Hampden and then drew 2-2 at Ibrox after being 2-0 up with only four minutes remaining.

So far, we have yet to win a Premier match at Parkhead, but if we play to our top form we can rectify that particular situation.

That's not too much to ask, is it? Cheers for now. Wish us luck against Celtic... and Valencia, Mario Kempes and all!

Derek Johnstone

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CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**



Rangers' winger Tommy McLean (left) heads the winning goal in the 2-1 victory against Fortuna Dusseldorf at Ibrox. Rangers drew the second-leg 0-0 and now face Valencia.



FOCUS ON

Dave Clement

BOLTON



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WEIGHT: 12st 7lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Queens Park Rangers
MARRIED: To Patricia
CHILDREN: Two sons, Paul and Neil
CAR: Volvo
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Pele
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Holland
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: I haven't met him yet!
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Italy against England, World Cup match in Rome, November, 1976
BIGGEST THRILL: The birth of my two sons and being selected to play for England
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Queens Park Rangers losing the League Championship to Liverpool in the last match in 1976
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Norway
FAVOURITE FOOD: I like anything
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Reading, gardening, swimming and squash
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Traffic jams
FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: The Morecambe and Wise Show, Porridge and The World of Jacques Cousteau
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Elton John and Frank Sinatra
FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson, Rod Steiger and Julie Christie
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: All my managers and coaches plus my former team-mate Frank McLintock
BEST FRIEND: My wife
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injuries
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth and full caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in whatever I do
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win one of the major honours
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A draughtsman
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Dave Clement

SHOOT!



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I WISH the critics would stop sounding alarm bells about an alleged paucity of strikers available to wear the number nine shirt for England.

Problem? What problem? I reckon Ron Greenwood has available to him one of the richest crops of strikers of any England manager since the War.

Yet listening to the critics you could be led to believe that beyond Bob Latchford we have no one in the pipeline if the Everton striker is out of form or not available.

Let me start my counter-attack on this issue by making the point that the best of Trevor Francis is still to come. England fans have seen only a fraction of his immense talent at international level. He will get better and better. No one knows this more than Brian Clough, who would hardly have spent £1 million if there were doubts about his ability.

Francis has paid the price, to a certain extent, for spending so long at Birmingham, a club who have been relatively unsuccessful for years. His talents shone even in those surroundings and defeat did nothing to dampen his enthusiasm.

But, I believe, it stifled his talent and it was most noticeable that the spring returned to his stride in the colours of Nottingham Forest.

His control, speed and incredible change of pace is difficult for defenders to handle. More important, he has a killer instinct near goal.

Blunt

But what style of striker should lead England's forward line? Should he be a blunt instrument cast in the mould of Nat Lofthouse, Bobby Smith or Bob Latchford, or a more mobile finisher like Francis or Kevin Keegan?

My observation is that it doesn't matter a jot what size a player is, or what style he has. If he is good enough, he should play.

England strikers of the future will have to be sharp, pacey with good control if they are to break down international defences.

So who are the other candidates likely to give Ron Greenwood selection problems in the next year or two?

Kevin Reeves, Norwich's Under-21 striker has the potential to go all the way. People thought Malcolm Allison was crazy to offer £1 million for the youngster earlier this season. But John Bond knew Reeves was worth every penny of Manchester City's money — and that's why he kept him.

He is sharp like Keegan — as slippery as a reptile and a deadly finisher.

Garry Birtles has risen from obscurity to become a thorn in the side of most defences. Peter Taylor, Forest's assistant-manager, is reported as saying that Birtles is worthy of an England place. I don't know about that but there is no denying his extraordinary poten-

'FINDING STRIKERS NO PROBLEM FOR ENGLAND'

tial. His finishing is clinical and he has pace and ability to turn defences.

Paul Mariner has had a difficult season at Ipswich. He has lost form and is not showing the consistency that won him England caps.

But the talent is there and his flair will return when he rediscovers the touch that made him Ipswich's leading League scorer last season.

Mariner is better in the air than

the others I've mentioned. It's important for all strikers to have one outstanding quality. Mariner's is his mobility and goal threat whenever the ball is pumped high into penalty-areas.

Accuse me of prejudice if you like but Mike Flanagan is England material. He is still learning the game and Palace's bargain buy from Charlton will score a lot of goals before his career finishes.

The strikers mentioned have one common asset — they are foot-

ballers. Flanagan is no exception. Watch his approach work. He plays beautiful football outside the penalty-box, and once inside has the finishing to win a game.

Cyrille Regis has slipped from the headlines this season because of injury but West Bromwich Albion's low position in the First Division a quarter of the way through is an indication of how much they miss his power.

And power is the operative word. A powerful runner, and strong in the air with a ferocious shot.

England international Tony Woodcock has the pace and mobility to upset the tightest markers. Birtles and Martin O'Neill scored

more League goals than he for Forest in 1978-79 but if Woodcock can improve his goalscoring record he could be as good as anyone.

Finally, a word about Bob Latchford. Unkind remarks have been made about the England striker. I'll tell you this — few centre-halves enjoy playing against him at League and OR international level.

My favourite striker ever? He sits in front of a microphone for the B.B.C. these days. I refer to the former Scotland and Manchester United idol Denis Law, the best British striker in my time.

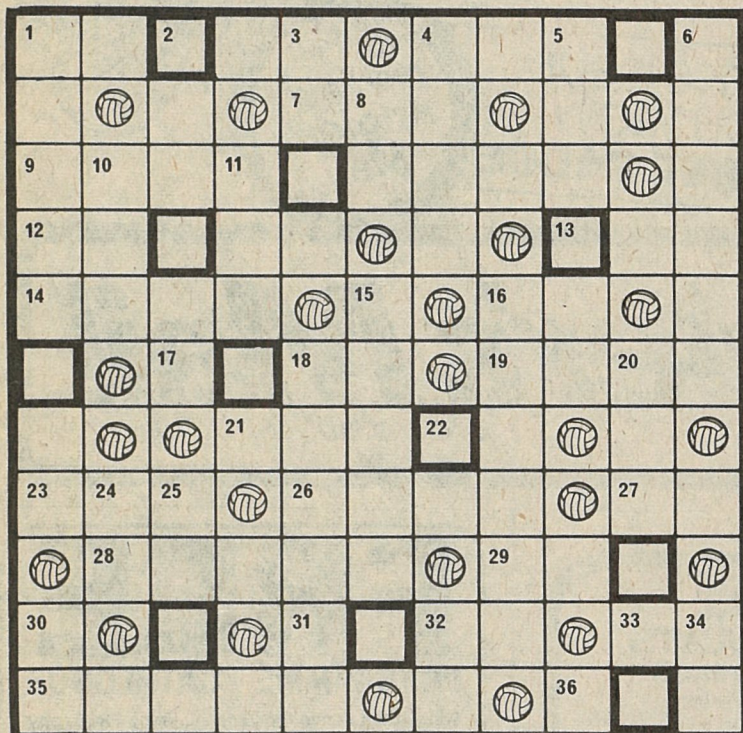
Enfant terrible



West Bromwich Albion and England B miss Cyrille Regis's (left) power.

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Ipswich Town defender. Answers on page 42.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Severe or unfeeling.
- (4) Ricardo — of Spurs.
- (7) C-rli-le United play at Brunton P-rk.
- (9) John —, Nottingham Forest winger.
- (12) List of clubs, for instance.
- (13) Archie — mill of Birmingham.
- (14) — Binney of Plymouth.
- (16) Fr--ton Park, Portsmouth.
- (17) The —, Southampton's ground.
- (19) Boney front of lower leg.
- (21) Alan —, goalkeeper for Partick.
- (23) Drop slightly ... as the ball in flight.
- (26) Martin Buchan is a ---tish international.
- (27) S--rta. A Dutch League club.
- (28) Tyn-ca-t-- Par- (Heart of Midlothian). Smooth from the omissions.
- (29) Number of clubs in Scottish Division One which start with the letter "R".
- (31) John —, Norwich City defender.
- (33) --uglas Park (Hamilton Academicals).
- (35) Puts name to a contract.
- (36) Annoy.

DOWN:—

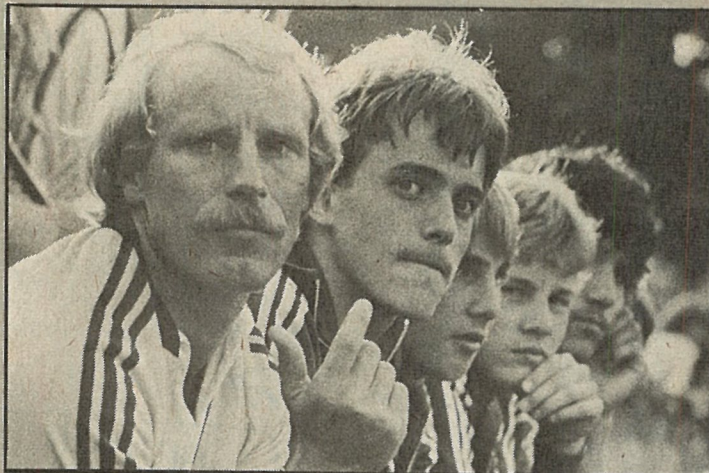
- (1) Asa — of Everton.
- (2) Dispossessed of the ball.
- (3) White ---t Lan-, home of Spurs.
- (4) Billericay. 1978/9 winners of the F.A. ----.
- (5) The ----- of a soccer pitch must not exceed 130 yards.
- (6) Ron —, played 662 matches for Norwich City and also became manager of the club.
- (8) — Etienne; European Cup Finalists, 1975/6.
- (10) B-und--y Park, Oldham.
- (11) Alex —, former Northern Ireland international.
- (15) Brave or spirited.
- (16) — Gate, home of Bristol City.
- (18) They score no points!
- (20) Hinder or obstruct.
- (22) --odison Park, Everton's ground.
- (24) Reading are nicknamed The B--cuitmen.
- (25) --o--h Lane Ground, Wimbledon.
- (30) The -h-y, Halifax Town. The omissions reversed.
- (32) Frank L--pard of West Ham.
- (34) Rangers play at lbr-- Stadium.

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'Why I won't manage a League club'

MANY people have asked me if it was a big disappointment to retire after playing 96 times for West Germany, and not reach the magic 100 mark. To me it is not important. I think such matters are only for statisticians and newspaper readers who place too much emphasis on such records.

If I had not been badly injured last season I would have gone on playing, and, hopefully helped Germany win the European Championship in Italy. I would have liked that because when we won the Championship in 1972 I was injured and missed the 3-0 win over Russia in the Final.

For a long time I had an understanding with the Deutscher Fussball Bund (German F.A.) that I would work for them as a trainer, and they approached me when my leg was in plaster last season and I signed to take over the Under-21 team on July 1st, 1979.

Happy

As things worked out, I did play again briefly last season. I am happy that I did because I received the Footballer of the Year trophy for the second time.

In fact, I was reconciled to never to play again, but Borussia were in a difficult situation in the Bundesliga with relegation a possibility. They were also in the Final of the U.E.F.A. Cup, and the club president Dr. Helmut Beyer, felt that my experience would be helpful. He told our coach, Udo Lattek, that if I was fit again, I should play.

I was happy to get another U.E.F.A. Cup winners' medal, of course, but I did not expect it at all when I was first injured. It was much more than a simple leg fracture. The main leg bone was broken; and I also had two ankle fractures and complications with ligaments too.

Looking back over my career, I was fortunate enough to gain almost every honour open to a

German player. But Borussia played such outstanding, top quality football in the 1970's I feel we really ought to have won the European Cup too.

In my career, Borussia were Champions of the Bundesliga five times; won the German F.A. Cup and the U.E.F.A. Cup twice. On top of that I helped my country win the World Cup in 1974, but it would have been nice to add the European Championship trophy to my battle honours.

I am enjoying my work with the Under-21 team in Germany. We have already had two training sessions together, and I find it very stimulating being a coach, and very rewarding helping young players.

Naturally, I would like to help my new team to the European Under-21 Final. In my opinion, the young German players are quick and strong enough, and they also have very good condition in terms of stamina. I will try to develop their individual skills and talents, and also to get them to play together in a collective way, playing good football such as we produced at Borussia.

My future is, I hope, assured with the German F.A., for I have no ambitions at all to take over a Bundesliga club.

Being a Bundesliga coach is not my idea of a 'safe' job. The whole business is too competitive, with results too important, and I have promised myself I will never sign a contract as a club coach.

Working with young players is much more rewarding, for you can see the results of your work with them, and I will be very satisfied to stay with the Under-21's and sign a new contract with the DFB.

Beyond that I have no ambitions left in football. Just to pass on what I learned as a player, to the next generation. I think nothing can be more rewarding than that. And if they are successful too, then that would be a great bonus.

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FRANK McDUGALL— proving he's not top of the flops

ST. MIRREN manager Jim Clunie obviously learned a thing or two when he was assistant to Lawrie McMenemy at Southampton. He is not afraid to be blunt and speak his mind and doesn't believe in hiding when criticism is flying about.

He paid out £150,000 to Clydebank for striker Frank McDougall before the start of the season and it looked like money down the drain when the player failed to show any of his goal-scoring form at Paisley.

Clunie launched a verbal barrage at the player. "He is a £150,000 apprentice," said the Love Street manager and those words stung McDougall. They were meant to!

The most expensive player in Scotland — along with Rangers' Gregor Stevens — was axed unceremoniously from the first team and ditched in the forgotten world of the reserves.

However, the scathing criticism from Clunie triggered off McDougall. He had no intention of being labelled a flop. He was determined to show he could score goals among the big boys in the Premier Division.

He worked at his game in the 'stiffs', earned a recall and after scoring twice against Dundee United and notching another against Hibs on successive Satur-

days he proved that he was no weak link in the side.

"That's more like the sort of form I expected from the player," says Clunie. "We spent a lot of money on him and we wanted a return. His attitude at the start was all wrong."

"We had to put that right. Now he is showing more appetite for the game and that's the way I want it."

Despite his large transfer tag — and it is large by current Scottish standards although it would hardly rate a mention South of the border — McDougall is still something of an unknown commodity for Scottish soccer fans. He could walk down crowded Sauchiehall Street and hardly be noticed.

He started his career with Hearts, but they weren't too impressed and handed him a free transfer. He picked up the pieces, went to a junior club and tried again.

Ability

Clydebank were on the look-out for a natural goalscorer and liked what they saw in McDougall. They gave him a second chance and he repaid their faith in his ability with 28 goals in his first season.

Managers were impressed, including Celtic's Billy McNeill. McDougall's powerful shooting and prowess in the air was noted. He looked like part of the jigsaw McNeill was piecing together at Parkhead and it was no surprise when Celtic made an offer of around £110,000 for the player.

"Celtic are the only club I want to join," said McDougall at the time. "They have always been my favourite team. I used to watch them every week and it would be incredible to play for Celtic."

While the words were still carrying an echo, McDougall signed for St. Mirren! The Paisley team, with money in the bank after selling £300,000 Frank McGarvey to Liverpool, topped Celtic's bid and McNeill refused to be drawn into an auction. He had made what he considered a fair offer for a first season senior and that was that.

McDougall was clearly impressed by Clunie in their signing talks and was happy to put pen to paper in the knowledge that he would be facing up to Celtic at least four times the following season!

Money wasted? Cash well spent? Wonder boy? Or Blunder boy? Frank McDougall is providing a convincing case for the defence at the moment...



FRANK McDUGALL

SCOTTISH defenders breathed a huge sigh of relief when they heard the news. Andy Ritchie, Morton's magician and Scotland's Player of the Year, had walked out on the Cappielow club.

"I'll never kick another ball for them," he said. "I'm through with playing for Morton and want a transfer."

The 'walk-out' lasted 24 hours! After a talk with manager Benny Rooney he had a change of heart and played the following day against Aberdeen. The smiles were wiped-off the faces of the Pittodrie defenders as Ritchie scored once and set up another as Morton powered to a 3-2 victory.

Now Ritchie realises he is in the transfer shop window, but Morton stress they will not be allowing him to go for a bargain fee and they will certainly hang on to their hottest property for as long as possible. There will be no transfer this year, that's for sure.

Ritchie, in fact, is an enigma. Some fans love him, others are critical. But he certainly makes his presence felt with his startling, mind-boggling accuracy... especially from dead-ball situations.

You could ask Dundee United veteran Peter Bonetti, the former England goalkeeper who faced Ritchie recently at Cappielow.

Cappielow. "I wanted first team football, however, and the opportunity to show what I could do."

"Morton gave me that chance and I'll always be grateful to them and the boss, Benny Rooney."

Ritchie also admits with refreshing honesty that possibly all the big money being flashed around in England at the moment has unsettled him. He says: "Yes, I suppose it might have. But I know I have got to look to the future and the security of my family."

Ironically, Jock Stein watched Ritchie in the entertaining match against Dundee United when he scored that hat-trick, but so far the player has not figured in the Scottish manager's international plans.

However, he simply refuses to be ignored. Last season Andy was second only to Aberdeen's Joe Harper in the goalscoring stakes.

This season, he has got off to a superb start and the odds are with him to be right up there at the top of the pile again. No one is going to bet against that. The only way it can be prevented is by an English club making Morton an offer they just cannot refuse to take the player across the border.

Andy Ritchie, genius supreme, will then wreck an English defence or two — to the tune of "I did it my way..."

ANDY RITCHIE— waiting for an offer Morton can't refuse

Morton overwhelmed United 4-1 and Ritchie dazzled that afternoon with a magnificent hat-trick. The highlight of his blistering performance was another uncannily accurate free-kick.

"Obviously I work with my shooting from free-kicks," says Ritchie, "but most of the ability is natural. I've always been able to bend the ball. I suppose I'm lucky in that sense."

Big money English clubs have watched him and there were strong rumours recently that Newcastle wanted him, but these were blasted by the Greenock club. However, a lot of managers leave Morton saying: "Ritchie? A good player, but he's far too lazy."

Certainly work-rate isn't Andy's strong point and he readily admits this, but, at the same time, he can turn a game with just one swerve of those hips and one flash of that left foot. Players can work and sweat for 90 minutes and not achieve what he can in just a couple of seconds.

Why did Celtic let him go? It has been said that Jock Stein tried to change his style, to get him involved more, but Ritchie wouldn't adapt. He was always going to play it his way.

"Of course, it was a wrench leaving Celtic," says Ritchie, who was given to Morton PLUS £10,000 for their reserve goalkeeper Roy Baines, who has since returned to



'The Everton

BOB Latchford's decision to turn down a move to West Brom in exchange for David Mills and stay at Everton, must have been a big boost to a club still struggling to emerge from Liverpool's shadow and get back among the honours.

A few days after Bob came off the transfer list he scored two goals in Everton's fine 4-1 League Cup victory over Aston Villa.

In the Villa side was a player who had recently left Goodison Park after a two-and-a-half year stay, full-back Mike Pejic.

In many ways Everton have been one of soccer's great mystery clubs over the past few years.

Last term they ended in fourth position in the First Division and most people expected them to carry on the good work this time out. But they've made a slow start to the campaign and at the time of writing had won only one home match in the League.

It's amazing why Everton have not had success. Their teams have always contained players of the highest calibre yet they've failed to win a major competition since 1976. That's ten years in the wilderness.

MY SOCCER WORLD Gordon McQueen



Perhaps Liverpool's incredible success over the past decade has been the main reason for Everton's lean spell over the same period.

The rivalry between the two clubs is probably greater than any other in the League. As Liverpool have gone from strength to strength, Everton's search for honours to match their Merseywide neighbours may have been too intense. They've become too impatient. They can't afford the time to allow teams to develop, because the fans and directors demand instant success.

This passionate hunt for glory could have resulted in managers being forced to make too many changes to the side.

Take this season. Apart from Mike Pejic they've sold Martin Dobson back to his old club Burnley, Colin Todd and Dave Thomas.



Striker Bob Latchford is now off the Everton transfer list and back among the goals.

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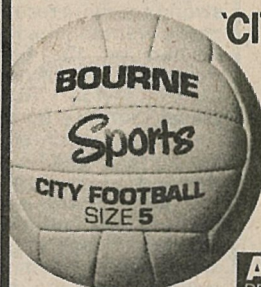
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ACROSS:—

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DOWN:—

(1) Hartford. (2) Robbed. (3) Hare. (4) Vase. (5) Length. (6) Ashman. (8) St. (10) Oar. (11) Elder. (15) Plucky. (16) Ashton. (18) Losers. (20) Impede. (22) Go. (24) Is. (25) Plug. (30) As. (32) Am. (34) Ox.

Jumbled Name: GEORGE BURLEY.

mystery'



As you know United tried to buy winger Dave Thomas before he decided to go to Wolves. Toddie is now with Birmingham, of course.

When trouble brews between players and the manager it quickly creates a bad dressing room atmosphere. This hardly helps team spirit.

I don't know Everton's boss Gordon Lee personally, or the reasons for the club's position. All I can guess is that certain players didn't agree with his methods.

An Everton fan I know defends Gordon Lee's actions and says how lucky the club is to have him as a boss.

My pal also reminds people that since Gordon took over, Everton have made progress and last season were well in the running for the title.

All Gordon needs is the time to develop the team he's built and the patience of the Goodison fans.

Well, maybe Gordon Lee has sold some of the best players around, but he's still got plenty of talent available to him at Goodison.

Bob Latchford is often criticised by the media, especially after his performances for England. But as Kevin Keegan has said you really have to play in the same team as Bob to appreciate him.

He's certainly good in the air and has plenty of control on the ground. And he scores goals whatever the situation.

I've often come off the field after playing against Bob feeling satisfied with my performance, thinking I've kept him reasonably quiet. Yet he's scored a couple of goals!

Alongside Bob is another proven striker with bags of experience, Brian Kidd, who was formerly with

Everton's poor start to the season extended to the U.E.F.A. Cup, when they were knocked out in the First Round by Feyenoord. Here Brian Kidd (left) has an unsuccessful attempt at goal as team-mate Peter Eastoe looks on.

Midfield player Andy King gives the Bristol City defence a hard time in a League game at Goodison Park.

Manchester United, Arsenal and Manchester City.

Another Everton player I particularly admire is midfielder Andy King, the lad they bought from Luton a couple of years ago.

Andy is loved by the fans at Goodison, but he's not too popular on the field at times.

Andy's got plenty of confidence, cheek and chat. He's always talking to opponents, goading them up, trying to unsettle them.

Players have come and gone from Everton with regularity, but skipper Mick Lyons has stuck with the club through thick and thin.

Mick has been a tremendous servant to Everton and I believe he's the club's longest serving player with something like 240 League games behind him.

I understand my Scotland team-mate, goalkeeper George Wood,



has taken a bit of stick this season. But he can't be blamed for the club's disappointing start, neither can new signings Asa Hartford (from Forest) and Garry Stanley (from Chelsea).

They will be valuable assets to the club when they've settled into the side, especially my Scotland colleague Asa, who I claim is the best midfielder in the country at the moment.

According to Dave Thomas, Everton have several fine youngsters about to burst through into the big time... like striker Joe McBride, who made a fine debut against Feyenoord, midfielder Steve McMahon and defender John Barton.

This Saturday (October 27th) I'll get a closer look at Everton when United travel to Goodison.

They played well against us last season and won 3-0, with goals from

Trevor Ross, Andy King and Bob Latchford.

I remember the game well. Jock Stein had just been appointed new Scotland manager and was in the stands. His presence gave me an extra incentive to do well, but I had a bad game.

United were going through a sticky patch at the time and were struggling to find their form.

Goalkeeper Gary Bailey was playing his second game for United and made a mess of two of the goals.

Still that's in the past. It's this Saturday's match which is important now.

The way United have been playing in the League this season I must take us to win this time... and so add to Everton's problems.

But, the weekend apart, I sincerely hope Everton sort themselves out and snatch some of the limelight from Liverpool. They're a great club with a great past. Now the whole game hope they are destined for a great future.

See you again in two weeks...

John Brown

I challenge you

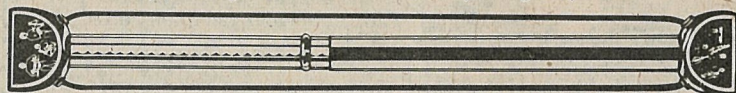
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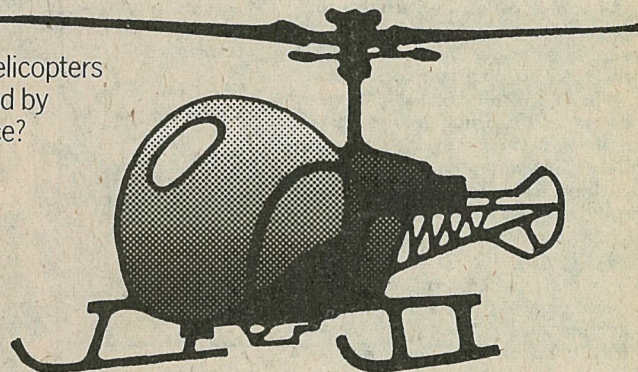


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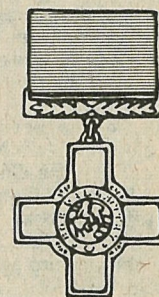
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To the new generation of heroes, he is just a name in the record books, a player of great reputation that they never saw in the flesh — only on ageing film.

And if you say that Ray Wilson would turn in his grave if he heard that comment you're nearer the truth than you imagine.

You see Ray is now an undertaker in business with his father-in-law in that bleak area of the country between Huddersfield and Oldham.

It was at Huddersfield that Ray first came into prominence — not as a full-back but as a left-winger. He possessed considerable speed when he made his debut in the 1955-6 season, but eventually it was realised he could be utilised to everyone's best advantage as a full-back.

Before long he was in Sir Alf Ramsey's England squad and recognised world wide as one of the best full-backs of his day.



Ray (dark shirt) in action for Everton in the 1966 F.A. Cup Final.

After months of speculation and price-haggling Ray moved to Everton in 1964.

The Everton side of the day, had in it quality players like Alex Young, Brian Labone and Tommy Wright — Wilson's full-back partner. They were soon to be joined by the club's best-ever midfield of Howard Kendall, Alan Ball and Colin Harvey.

Wilson's career blossomed, the pinnacle naturally being that famous day in 1966 when West Germany were beaten 4-2 at Wembley in the World Cup Final.

In the closing stages of his career he played a few games for Oldham Athletic and Bradford City, and he even acted as caretaker manager at Valley Parade for a time. But in the early 70's he made the decision to quit football once and for all.

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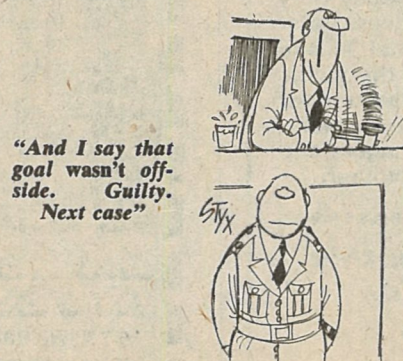
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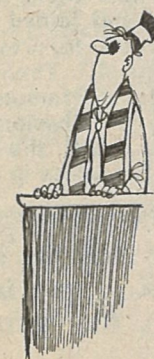
"If I thought you belted that ball at me on purpose"



"Did you notice the way they kept tugging my jersey at corners?"



"And I say that goal wasn't off-side. Guilty. Next case"



TAKE A BREAK—IT'S Quiz Time

1. Which Brighton goalkeeper — Eric Steele (right) or Graham Moseley — was recently put on the transfer list by manager Alan Mullery?

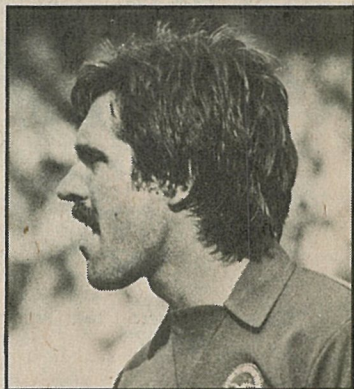
2. Spain played Yugoslavia in a European Championship game in Valencia. Did Yugoslavia win 1-0, 2-1 or 3-2?

3. Did Norwich boss John Bond get fined or let-off with a lecture by the Football Association for bringing the game into disrepute?

4. On the same day, Leeds defender Paul Hart was suspended for one, two or three games after becoming the first player to reach 20 disciplinary points this season?

5. Rangers suffered a 5-1 aggregate defeat by which Premier Division club in the Scottish League Cup?

6. Former Ipswich Town striker Trevor Whymark has signed a contract to play for Dutch First Division club Ajax, Sparta Rotterdam or Feyenoord until March?



7. Which American club has former Charlton Athletic player, Keith Peacock joined as assistant-manager?

8. Can you identify the two youngsters (at the top of page) who are making an impact in the First Division and their clubs?



9. Why did Laurie Cunningham miss England's European Championship clash with Northern Ireland in Belfast?

10. Oxford United's 100 per cent home record was wrecked by which Third Division club 2-0 at the Manor Ground?

11. Woking, Wycombe Wanderers or Walton and Hersham were the September winners of the Grant's whisky award for the best team in the Berger Isthmian League?

12. Ipswich Town have had five managers since the last War. A. Scott Duncan, Alf Ramsey, Jackie Milburn and Bobby Robson are four . . . can you name the other?

13. Which two Scottish clubs would be in action if the 1971-72 League Cup winners met the 1967-68 F.A. Cup holders?

14. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a top First Division striker and his club . . . HPLI YBROE (HNSPUTOAOATM).

15. Which player did Middlesbrough reluctantly put on the transfer list recently?

ANSWERS:

1. Steele, 2. 1-0, 3. Let-off with a lecture, 4. Three, 5. Aberdeen, 6. Sparta Rotterdam, 7. Tampa Bay Rowdies, 8. Palace's Vince Hilaire (left) and Chris Hughton of Spurs, 9. An ankle injury, 10. Brentford, 11. Woking, 12. Bill McGarry, 13. Patrick and Dunfermline, 14. Phil Boyer of Southampton, 15. Stan Cummins.

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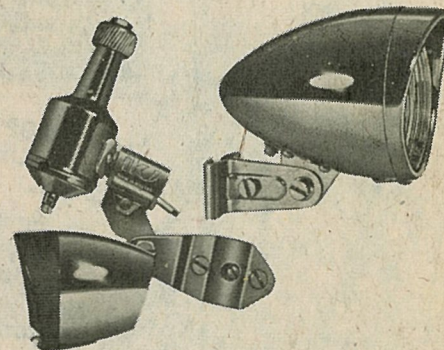
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'I know my place at Brighton'

says JOHN GREGORY

BRIGHTON haven't had the happiest baptism in the fire of the First Division. But John Gregory, Albion's £250,000 close season signing from Aston Villa, is happy to be part of the club's fight to find success in the toughest soccer league in the world.

Listen to John talking about his new life with the South Coast club and it's easy to imagine him singing: "Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside!"

"I respect Alan Mullery as a manager and I like the way he thinks about the game," says John. "Brighton are a very attacking side. There's nothing the boss loves more than skill. That comes first in his mind. He wants all ten outfield players to attack when they can. That attitude, more than anything else, played a big part in me coming here."

John has quickly warmed to Mullery's straight-forward approach to the players.

"You know exactly where you stand with him," John explains. "If you've had a good game, he'll say, 'Well done. Keep it up.' Maybe he won't say it in front of the other players, but he'll find the right time to let you know he's pleased. If you've had a bad game, he'll let you know that too! He'll always tell us what he's thinking and that's the way it should be."

Difficult

Settling in at a new club can be difficult, but John's had no problems in that respect at Brighton.

Despite being out of action in recent weeks following an appendicitis operation, John is not too depressed.

"There's a very happy atmosphere in the dressing room," he smiles. "They're all characters here. If you're talking to Teddy Maybank, Wardy or any of the others, they're always pulling your leg. The lads are very close. In most clubs there's always one player who doesn't like someone else, but I haven't noticed any of that at Brighton."

At Villa, John was a utility player. He started last season as a striker, stepping in for the injured Andy Gray. Then he was switched to midfield, before finally slotting into the back-four.

"I wore every shirt at Villa. I never had an established position. I was always in the side, but there was a lot of switching around. When Alan Mullery came in for me, he made it clear he wanted me to

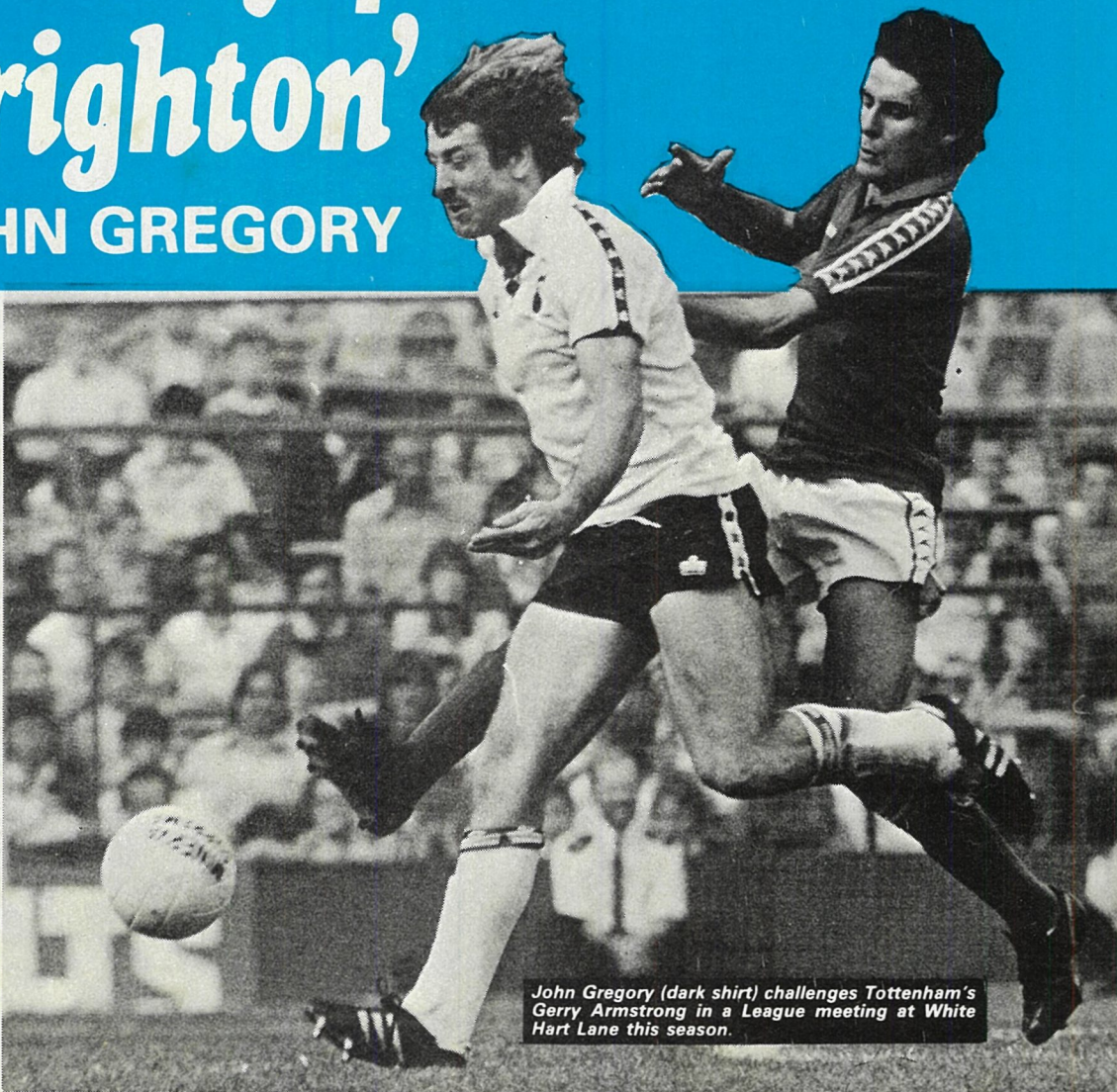
play at right-back. Now, I'm looking forward to settling down and doing a good job in that position."

Full-backs have never been the glamour boys of soccer. The headlines belong to star strikers. Does that worry John?

"No, not at all. I've played in games and scored the winning goal. It's nice to get your name mentioned and get on the telly. But the publicity doesn't really bother me. If I come off the pitch on a Saturday afternoon and I know I've done well, I'm satisfied. If I'm happy with my performance and the manager is too, and I know I'll be in the side again next Saturday, that's all that matters."

"To be quite honest, I don't like being recognised. I'm quite happy to stay in the background. I enjoy being with the team, but once the match is over, I just want to get home and spend some time with my family."

John and his wife Michele, along with the junior Gregories, Louisa and Stewart, have just moved into their new home, just outside Brighton.



John Gregory (dark shirt) challenges Tottenham's Gerry Armstrong in a League meeting at White Hart Lane this season.

"It wasn't easy to leave our families and friends behind in the Midlands," says John, "but Brighton's a nice town and it's great to be so near the sea and the countryside. We're sure we've made the right decision to move down here."

Everyone at the Goldstone knows they have a lot to learn about life in the First Division and John is sure those lessons will be learnt.

Chances

"We caught a cold in our first match with Arsenal, when we lost 4-0," he admits. "It was men against boys that day. A couple of days later, the manager got us together to watch the match on video tape. After 23 minutes, he stopped the recording and asked if anyone had seen Arsenal have a shot. They hadn't. He switched it on again and Arsenal's first shot was in the corner of the net. They had two more chances before half-time and put them both away. That's the difference between the

First Division and the Second.

"But we're learning with every match and we're getting more confident. There's a more professional attitude about us now. At the start of the season we were still a Second Division club, especially in mind, but I'm sure we've got the ability in the side to become a good First Division side."

"Players like Brian Horton and Peter Ward have seen the less glamorous side of football. They know how the other half lives. So, they'll respect the chance to play at grounds like Villa Park, White Hart Lane and Old Trafford and they'll want to be back next year too."

No one appreciates more the John the enormity of Brighton's task after gaining only seven points from their first 10 matches. But John's sure Brighton can keep The Seagulls' fans smiling, down beside the seaside!

● See how much John's enjoying life at Brighton on the next page.

Brighton full-back John Gregory really does like to be beside the seaside. Here he is with his three top fans — wife Michele, daughter Louisa and son Stewart down by the sea at Brighton.



Seagull at the Seaside



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